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School re-opening
updates for
School CommitteeBy LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — With the release of new guidelines from the Department of Elementary and Second Education mandating all students and staff wear masks and face coverings to start the school year, the School Committee was freed from the responsibility of approving a mask policy before their meeting last Wednesday night.

A few parents and residents shared their opinions during the public comment section on the DESE mask mandate.

The first commenter brought up questions about how teachers would be able to enforce masks if unvaccinated students didn't need to wear them, and how unvaccinated students might face peer pressure to take off their masks.

Other residents suggested that at the very least there was no benefit for masks, and at the most

there would be psychological damage and unknown long-term effects on students.

The updates from Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand on school re-opening were related to other COVID-19 policies for the year. He started by saying that DESE also strongly recommends testing programs for school districts this year. In fact, he said WPS has applied for a testing program called Test-to-Stay, which is designed to help with close contacts in school.

Besides the DESE mask mandate for everyone indoors regardless of vaccination status, he also explained that masks will be required on busses and during lunch when not actively eating. He later clarified, when questioned by David Ragsdale, that this simply means students who finish lunch early should put their

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School Committee
receive staff and
related updatesBy LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee voted to approve the new middle school handbook and received staffing and other updates from the superintendent and the assistant superintendent during their meeting last Wednesday night.

Before anything else, Wilmington Middle School Principal Dr. Jeannette Quirk addressed a public comment from earlier where a resident asked for an explanation behind the decision not to use lockers this year. This was also discussed in an email from Quirk earlier in the week.

Quirk explained that they had seen some benefits from not using lockers, including cutting down on school supplies. This would require teachers to help mitigate school supply requirements and help students to manage what

they bring in their backpacks.

She said they would push the use of online books and Chrome Books for required materials and activities given the advance of technology and online resources.

While each student may not be assigned a locker at the beginning of school, she did say that students would be given a place to store their coats as of Oct. 15.

Quirk also included a survey in her email asking parents whether they wanted their students to use lockers. From the results she'd seen so far, she was surprised to see 55 percent of parents who had responded say yes.

"I will always be revisiting every topic," she added.

When prompted by Melissa Plowman, Quirk named other benefits of not using lockers, includ-

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ALS Ice Bucket Challenge



▲ WCTV interviewing Rich Kennedy and Alice Lydon along with Harry Cunningham at the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge event at Rotary Park in Wilmington. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)



▲ Dancing in the rain, Ice Bucket Challenge Legacy Studios School of Dance getting a bit wet for ALS: Bri Bogie, Kaylee Heffernan, Caroline Salvatierra, Frankie Reitano, Kammi Lucot, and Allison Bolanos.



▲ OMG that's cold! Members of the WHS girls soccer team douse themselves for charity.

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, Wilmington will hold their special election to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen.

The seat was previously held by Jomarie O'Mahony, until she resigned back in June as announced at a previous board

Polls open until 8 p.m. Thursday

Nelson, O'Connell seek vacant selectmen seat

meeting.

Two candidates are going head-to-head for the seat. Those being Judy O'Connell and Mark Nelson.

O'Connell, a current Wilmington realtor, was recently seen on WCTV's Candidate Conversation, hosted by Rob Peterson. There she talked about her platform, her goals, and her background.

She was previously on the Board of Selectmen and other Wilmington committees, is a WHS alumni, a Merrimack College alumni and two-time athlete, and

wants to introduce technological communications such as a text when schools are closed or when a bill is due.

She also wants to push forward on important projects such as the new Senior Center and Town Hall building, and supports a renewal in contract for current Town Manager Jeff Hall.

She recently was endorsed by Selectman Kevin Caira. In a quote from that endorsement, he calls her "a dedicated, hard-working individual who cares deeply for our com-

munity. She has and will continue to advocate in the best interest of Wilmington."

He also commends her experiences in public and private sectors, her intellect and values, her listening skills, and her abilities in both collaborating with town officials and engaging residents in local affairs.

Her endorsements, campaign information and more can be found on her Facebook page, @VoteJudy. Nelson, as outlined in his candidacy announcement on Facebook, has been a

resident of Wilmington for 50 years, is a part of Wilmington High School's graduating class of 1973, has raised children in Wilmington, is self-employed and semi-retired.

He has served on the Master Plan Advisory Committee and the Transportation Sub Committee, and received 1,100 votes for Redevelopment Authority in his first election in 1996.

During his time as an active participant in local government, Nelson has spoken and taken action on environmental issues such as oil and water sup-

ply.

In a quote from his Facebook page:

"If elected, other projects Nelson would like to embark on include the development of Silver Lake into a recreational resource center, expansion of the senior tax plan and renovations of the town's window replacement at the West Intermediate school."

And in a final statement from Nelson, he said:

"We've been reactive rather than proactive. With-

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Wilmington Library News:

Last chance to sign up for town-wide yard sale

Don't forget to Sign Up for the Town-Wide Yard Sale!

The Wilmington Memorial Library is once again sponsoring a Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, September 18 for those wishing to hold a yard sale at their home and have the library advertise. The application fee is \$15 (deadline is Saturday, Sept. 11). The fee includes yard sale signs, a listing on the yard sale map and lots of publicity. For shoppers, maps of yard sale locations will be available at the library and at Market Basket starting Wednesday, Sept. 15. Participation in the yard sale is limited to the first 65 houses to sign up.

Closed for Labor Day

The library will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 6 in honor of Labor Day.

Adult Programs

INDOOR Pints + Pages Book Group

Thursday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

Featured Book: A Burn by Megha Majumdar
Location: Red Heat Tavern, Wilmington, MA

Join librarians from the Wilmington and Reading Public Libraries for a social book group geared towards readers in their 20's and 30's. The group meets on the first Thursday of every other month.

INDOOR

Needleworkers

Friday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie — drop in. Everyone welcome!

VIRTUAL

Fiction Critique Group

Saturday, Sept. 4, 9:15 a.m.

Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment.

Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at cwood@wilmlibrary.org

INDOOR

Craft and Chat

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This new craft group will meet September through March on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All craft supplies provided. Led by Library Associate Kim Lambert.

Featured Craft: Block Printed Tea Towels

In keeping with the WML Earth Year theme, we are going to take a step toward eliminating paper towels from our lives by designing Block-Printed tea towels. We will design and cut simple block stamps and use those to create one-of-a-kind designer tea towels for our kitchen or

to give as a gift.

VIRTUAL

Cooking Demonstration with Chef Bill

Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Chef Bill will demonstrate how to cook a delicious, seasonal dish.

Youth Programs

Masks are required for children ages 2 to 12 while visiting the Children's Room.

VIRTUAL

Among Us

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

Join your crewmates in a multiplayer game of teamwork and betrayal over Zoom! Download the free Among Us app, and play in a private match hosted by the WML. Grades 6-12

INDOOR

LEGO Building

Thursday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans at the library. At the end, you can share what you made during the time. Ages 5+

A note about storytimes: All storytimes take place in the back of the library, next to the Peggy Kane Reading Garden. In the event of inclement weather, or temperatures under 55° or above 85°, storytime will move INDOORS.

OUTDOOR

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.

This storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is for the six-week session. Ages 3-6

OUTDOOR

Time For Twos

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m.

This storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is for the six-week session. 2-year olds

OUTDOOR

Baby Time

Thursday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.

This storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is

for the six-week session. 0-23 Months

OUTDOOR

Drop-In Storytime

Friday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.

This storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required. Ages 2+

WML In-Person

Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. If a program is outdoors and inclement weather is forecast, the program may be held virtually on Zoom or inside the library. Please check out website on the day of the program to confirm location.

WML Virtual

Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

State police investigate fatal motorcycle accident

WILMINGTON — On Saturday morning at about 5:07 a.m., Troopers from State Police-Andover responded to a motorcycle crash on Route 1-93 South near Exit 31 in Wilmington that resulted in the death of the 46-year-old female operator from Salem, NH.

Preliminary investigation indicates the woman operating a 2015 Harley Davidson XL1200 motorcycle and a 2016 Nissan Maxima, operated by a 30-year-old Manchester, NH man, collided in the left lane.

As a result, the motorcycle operator sustained serious injuries and was transported to Lahey Health & Hospital in Burlington where she succumbed to her in-

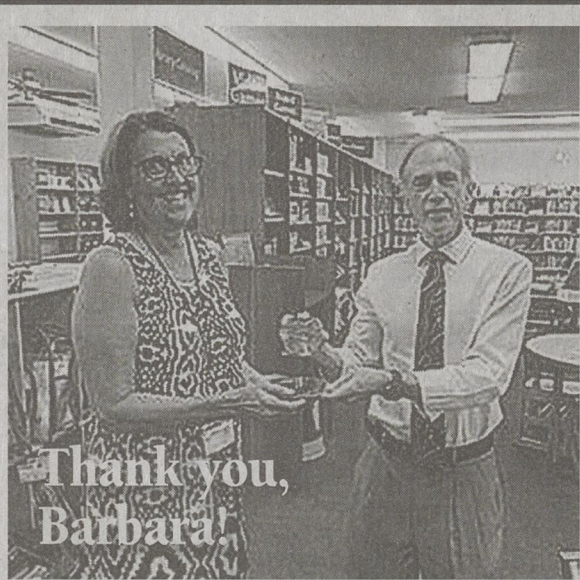
juries and was pronounced deceased. The operator of the Nissan was uninjured.

The name of the victim will not be released at the time.

The facts and circumstances of the crash are under investigation including how the two vehicles collided.

The right two lanes of the southbound side were closed for approximately two and half hours.

The crash remains under investigation by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police along with the Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section, and Crime Scene Services Section. Troopers were assisted on scene by MassDOT, Wilmington Fire and Police.



"Please help us wish Barbara, our Youth Services Librarian, well in her retirement!" the Town of Wilmington said. Here she is receiving her Baldwin Apple from Town Manager Jeffrey Hull for 10 years of employment with the town. (courtesy photo)

Poli graduates from Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, RI — At Bryant University's Graduate School Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 20, 260 graduates of the Class of 2021 and their families and guests gathered on campus to celebrate earning a Bryant degree. Nicholas Poli of Wilmington graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree in Global Supply Chain Management.

"There has probably never been a graduating class more deserving of a Com-

mencement and celebration than the Class of 2021," said Bryant President Ross Gittel, Ph.D. "You have earned your degree under extraordinary circumstances. You successfully responded to unprecedented challenges."

About Bryant Univ.

For 158 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders.

Visit www.Bryant.edu.

Cathy Beers, Diana and Shawn Benzel, Joseph Desmond and Chris Murray Five Wilmington residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way fundraiser

WILMINGTON — Five residents from Wilmington will choose their own route on Oct. 3 for the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to "Walk Your Way" from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home.

Cathy Beers, Diana Benzel, Shawn Benzel, Joseph Desmond, and Christopher Murray, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day.

While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center,

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$150 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history.

"While we can't see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programming which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. "Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to defy cancer."

This year's event will have a lower fundraising requirement, \$100 for adults and \$25 for those under 18, with a \$5 registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib and medal and the first 5,000 to register will receive a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Anyone interested in

additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are encouraged to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with training and fundraising, engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts, and much more! Download the app here.

About the Jimmy Fund

The Jimmy Fund, established in Boston in 1948, is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that, solely and directly, benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's lifesaving mission to provide compassionate patient care and groundbreaking cancer research for children and adults.

The Jimmy Fund is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children's Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @TheJimmyFund.

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



A TAX CHECKLIST FOR NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Name and address changes

Name: When a name changes through marriage, it is important to report that change to the Social Security Administration. The name on a person's tax return must match what is on file at the SSA. If it doesn't, it could delay any tax refund. To update information, taxpayers should file Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card. It is available on SSA.gov, by calling 800-772-1213 or at a local SSA office.

Address: If marriage means a change of address, the IRS and U.S. Postal Service need to know. To do that, people should send the IRS Form 8822, Change of Address. Taxpayers should also notify the postal service to forward their mail by going online at USPS.com or their local post office.

Withholding

After getting married, couples should consider changing their withholding. Newly married couples must give their employers a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance within 10 days. If both spouses work, they may move into a higher tax bracket or be affected by the Additional Medicare Tax. They can use the IRS Withholding Estimator on IRS.gov to help complete a new Form W-4. See Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax for more information.

Filing status

Married people can choose to file their federal income taxes jointly or separately each year. While filing jointly is usually more beneficial, it's best to figure the tax both ways to find out which works best. Remember, if a couple is married as of Dec. 31, the law says they're married for the whole year for tax purposes.

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

RELAY FOR LIFE IS BACK!

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is back in Wilmington and WCTV is seeking your help to make this event even more special! If you or someone you know would like to share their story as a survivor, caregiver, or Relay participant we would love for you to come to our Waltham Street studio and share your journey on camera.

We will be holding these short, drop-in interviews on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 5-8 p.m.

These stories of hope and inspiration will be added to our planned coverage on the day of the Relay, Saturday, Sept. 18. For more details, watch the most recent "Where's Wilmington" with Relay for Life organizer Joe Martiniello who shares all the details. "Where's Wilmington" can be viewed on WCTV.org video-on-demand. The Relay will be held from 3:30 to 11 p.m. at the high school and in-

cludes the towns of Wilmington, Tewksbury and Billerica. Please contact Lisa Kapala at: lisa@wctv.org to schedule an interview time.

Meetings covered

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History:

Daredevil balloonist was highlight of Labor Day

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON
Founder of the Town Crier
Published Sept. 6, 1962

Silver Lake, Monday, was just as quiet as if it were an ordinary weekday in, say, late September. Only three kiddoes were at the beach during the morning for a swim, and the lifeguard occupied some of his time taking in the summer gear, no longer to be used this season, as Labor Day was the last day of the season at Silver Lake.

It used to be that Silver Lake was a very busy place on Labor Day, but the automobile has changed all that. People now go to the White Mountains, or anywhere else, for the holiday — anything but stay at home.

For the past decade or so, there have been attempts to rejuvenate the good old times, but these attempts, too, have fallen by the wayside.

The lifeguards had instituted swimming events and races for Labor Day, with prizes for the winners derived directly from the profits of the beach canteen.

Last year, there was no canteen, and the merchants put up some prizes, but not too many kids appeared. Their parents had taken them elsewhere.

So in the year 1962, there was nothing but an ex-

panse of water and a lonely lifeguard.

In 1922, when there weren't millions of cars to clog the highways, it was a different story at Silver Lake. Labor Day, then, was a big three-day event with a horribles parade, games of chance and a dare-devil balloonist.

The Silver Lake Men's Club was a live-wire organization, with a Silver Lake Hall on Grove Avenue (later an apartment house) where early day movies were occasionally shown for the enjoyment of the kiddoes, and all sorts of things happened, most of them wonderful, for the children of that age.

On the Saturday before Labor Day there was a horribles parade, with hundreds of contestants. The parade would march practically around the lake ending at the Men's Club, where the judges used to stand.

Then everyone would go over to the ballfield (which no longer exists) on Cottage Street, where there would be a carnival, the largest in Middlesex County or possibly all of Massachusetts.

There was always a steam-driven merry-go-round, which Elmer Southmayd used to operate. Elmer was nicknamed "Squeaky" because of his high-pitched voice. Elmer was a me-

chanical genius, possibly born a century too soon.

He took delight in mechanical contrivances, and could fix anything. But in those days, a mechanical genius was not a highly paid man, and Elmer had all he could do to rustle up food for his numerous brood.

But Elmer would importantly fire up the boiler and then push the levers that made the merry-go-round go 'round, and he enjoyed the proceedings even more than did the kids who rode round and round for a nickel.

There were games of chance galore, and there were many other innocent games amusement. The event went on for three days, with time off for church services, and there was always a big wind-up on Labor Day night.

The balloonist, who first came in at the end of the big fairs of the Silver Lake Men's Club, was probably the biggest event to occur in the lives of the Lakers of that day. As we recall it, he appeared at three Labor Day fairs in succession, and then was killed in a fall, somewhere near Taunton.

The balloon was of the hot-air variety. A pair of ginpoles were set up, always near the merry-go-round, where Elmer could keep an eye on them, and

the empty balloon would be suspended from ropes that hung from the two poles.

The mouth of the balloon would be over a sort of chimney, which was at the end of an underground tunnel, at the other end of which was the place for a fire.

At the appointed time on Labor Day afternoon, the balloonist would appear in person, suitably decked out for flying, as it was imagined to be necessary in those days. He would be wearing jodhpurs, and leather puttees, with an old-fashioned leather aviator's helmet and goggles.

Under the balloon's skirts he would disappear, putting his parachute into the interior of the balloon, probably in a receptacle designed for that purpose, and then he would emerge, wearing his harness, to face the hundreds of hungry eyes of the children, women and men who had come to watch his death-defying stunt.

A fire would be started in the pit by someone, maybe Mike Barry, and for an hour or so (perhaps it was only 20 minutes, but it seemed like an hour) Mike, Elmer and others would take turns throwing cups of kerosene into the fire.

As the heat increased, it would go into the interior of the balloon, which soon began to expand, held in

place by the guy-lines from the ginpoles and 50 or 100 volunteer "anchor-men" who clutched the edges of the balloon, to keep it on the ground.

The flames would leap higher and higher, and soon one could see them, in silhouette, in the interior of the balloon. Meanwhile, of course, the daredevil balloonist would be telling the ladies how he would pull the rip-cord when he felt the balloon beginning to descend, and how there wasn't any real danger, etc. etc. and how he wouldn't snag any of the homes as he floated over them, because his balloon would be over 1,000 feet in the air.

Finally, the balloon was full. And then came the Big Moment!

The volunteer anchor-men would be straining to keep it from soaring away. The intrepid aviator would take a glance around him, then grasp the straps which held his parachute harness, and order, "Let go!"

Dozens of Model T Fords would be standing by for that moment, motors running and drivers in their seats.

As the balloon soared off into the Wild Blue Yonder, it would be carried by the wind, and the motorists would attempt to chase it.

There were not as many

streets in Wilmington in those days, and chasing a balloon in Model T was quite an adventure in itself. If, for instance, the balloon should head over towards the West School on Shawsheen Avenue, there were only two ways to go to get there — either by Bridge Lane or by Lake Street.

The Fords would split into two groups, one going each way. Then, meeting at the school, they would probably learn that the balloon had altered its drift in a higher strata of wind, and had gone over Silver Lake towards North Wilmington.

It must be recorded that no accident ever befell the dare-devil balloonist while he was in Wilmington. He would soar around for a while and then descend, and he never even dropped into the lake, to the intense disappointment of many of the younger boys, and perhaps some of the older and very old.

It was awe-inspiring event, and there may be picture albums in Wilmington today that show pictures of the dare-devil hanging suspended from his balloon as he soared off into space.

But today everyone motors off to the White Mountains or elsewhere on Labor Day, and Silver Lake is just a quiet village on what used to be its Day of Days.

Tewksbury receives grant for stormwater analysis project

TEWKSBURY — The Town of Tewksbury received a \$193,935 grant to develop a stormwater analysis on municipal and vacant town-owned parcels through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Program. This grant will allow the town to utilize the resulting data to evaluate

the parcels as potential sites to combat climate change issues like flood storage.

The project's goals include reducing stormwater flooding town-wide through the use of nature-based solutions and providing regional watershed benefits. Currently, Tewksbury is frequently impac-

ted by inland flooding as there is insufficient stormwater detention and drainage throughout the town.

This grant enables the town to take a greater initiative in protecting climate vulnerable residents and businesses.

Launched in 2017 by Governor Charlie Baker, the MVP Grant Program

provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to begin the process of planning for climate change, and implement priority projects. Completion of this program makes the town eligible for MVP Action Grants to implement hazard mitigation and climate resiliency projects.

Tewksbury received MVP designation by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) on Sept. 30, 2020.

The project was selected for submittal by the town's Engineering Division in conjunction with the Community Development Department. The kickoff of this project is expected

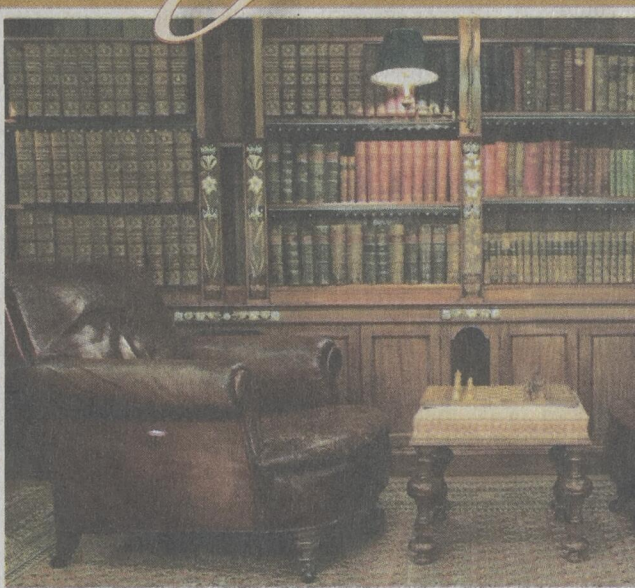
mid-September 2021 with an expected completion date of June 2022.

For more information and to view the entire plan, please visit the Town of Tewksbury's website: <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/community-development/pages/hazard-mitigation-climate-resilience-planning>

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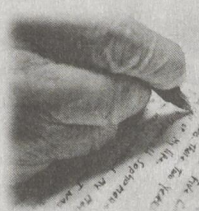
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Letters to the editor

Thumbs up to Wilmington Knights of Columbus

To the editor,
BIG THUMBS UP to the Wilmington Knights of Columbus and the Hall Manager George for helping me have a fabulous PARTY at the Hall on Aug. 1.

Everything was stellar. George met with me and helped me over the course of the spring to ensure my party had everything I wanted.

The Hall is in excellent condition and is a prime spot for entertaining. Local Gal Dawn is the most gracious bartender and also helped me with moving chairs and set up changes when I arrived. Thanks to Wilmington KOFC!

Susan Rufo

Free meals to Tewksbury, Wilmington and SEEM Educational students who qualify

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY — Wilmington Public Schools, Tewksbury Public Schools and Seem Educational Collaborative are providing free meals to all students under the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs (Seamless Summer Option or Summer Food Service Program). Children enrolled in the district (or in the community) are eligible for these free meals regardless of eligibility through June 30, 2022. Even though meals are free, it is recommended that school districts still collect applications and notify households of the results.

If you are not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and have been approved for free school meals, you may be eligible for SNAP which provides monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries to Massachusetts residents who qualify.

Find out if you are eligible for SNAP today by calling Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 and a counselor can help you apply over the phone. You can also apply on your own online at DTA Connect: <https://dtacconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/apply>

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can get free or reduced price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from MA SNAP, MA TAFDC, FDIPIR, or specific categories of Medicaid are eligible for free meals.

- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.

- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.

If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION from Wilmington Public Schools, Tewksbury Public Schools or the Seem Educational Collaborative for the 2021-2022 school year, you do not

need to complete an application. Please notify the school if any children in the household are not listed on the NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION letter you received.

Applications are accepted at any time during the school year and will be effective when approved by the Food Service Office. If you have questions for Wilmington or Seem please call Mary Palen 978-694-6064 and for Tewksbury call DebraLee Muford at 978-640-7800 x212

Although meals are free, there can be additional benefits if you qualify. Possible benefits are school fees, scholarships, free or reduced cost for Chromebooks and in home internet costs.

My family needs more

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

For School Year 2021-2022

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
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2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$1,428
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help. Are there other programs we might apply for?

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By PAUL J. ANDREWS

For many of us, "hackers" was a golf term used to describe someone who was less than proficient on the golf course unlike those who have mastered or close to mastered the game, which will never be me.

The word has taken on a new meaning in recent years as headlines featuring cybercrimes such as hacking are being used as many agencies and corporations have had their internet space invaded by hackers who for the most part are reportedly coming from Russia, China and Iran, along with other sites around the globe.

Some interesting points around this issue are the following: many companies and agencies remain silent and do not disclose the fact they have been hacked and pay ransom; some companies/agencies acknowledge the hacking and have paid ransom in a private way and not disclosed they have done so; many see hacking as a form of embarrassment for their company and staff plus some companies/agencies have negotiated with hackers with some indicating they do not have the funds requested and hackers negotiate their criminal behavior and a black-mail price.

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Celebrating a dog's life

As a child, Peter Bogoy, a Broadway General Manager, had grown up with a series of Scottie dogs, all named Toby. He and his own family adopted another Scottie, Bilbo (Peter had wanted another "Toby" but that was vetoed), who lived a long and happy life in New York City.

But since all good (and bad) dogs go to heaven, when Bilbo died, Peter decided to assuage his grief by creating a eulogy for Bilbo and sharing it with friends. The response was so overwhelming that he was commissioned to create tributes to other beloved canine companions, and Peter's book "A Dog's Life" was born.

Tune into the September Book Stew with host Eileen MacDougall to hear the obituaries of Bilbo and

Hackers taking US through dangerous, costly times

While the criminal behavior of hacking seems incredibly serious, this gets worse when we think of some of the agencies or companies that have been hacked including at least one major hospital along with several federal, state and local level government agencies, as well as pipeline distribution lines.

Here we have a process of an international crime taking place as people are paying criminals a price to let them use their own internet lines, setting an example for others to join in this activity.

One government expert commented that hacking has replaced robbing banks as the most common crime of this fiscal magnitude. When companies discuss the way they are protecting themselves from being hacked, they often refer to off-site computer storage systems or re-booting all systems everyday plus other measures, correctly known only to them.

While officials request that all hacking cases need to be reported so that added investigations can assist to identify and stop those responsible, these hacking cases look and feel like they are getting much more serious with many unreported.

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BLUE COLORS were at half-staff this weekend in memory of the members of the military who died for the United States in Afghanistan this past week. The ships at sea, government buildings of our country and the homes and business firms of so many Americans dropped their flags to half-staff to join in this nation-wide tribute to the brave members of the military who died attempting to bring freedom to those still in a war-plagued country.

As Americans, we are proud of our great flag and turn to this great symbol and prayer for many in times of national crisis, as we saw in the death of these brave members of the military who were on duty to protect those seeking refuge out of Afghanistan. As we witness ceremonies for these brave people, we need to think of what they have done for their country and all of us.

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tal health; Hackers, and climate change threaten US energy independence; Skyscrapers rising next to vacant towers mark new City of London; Amazon was hiring 75,000 workers who got \$100 if they showed proof of vaccination; Irish health system targeted twice by hackers; Mortgage rates sink deeper below three percent but experts say the dip won't last; Don't put off getting life affairs in order; Nearly half of seniors expect to work after retirement; Higher education enrollment continues to fall; Steep enrollment decline in Oregon colleges; Colonial pipeline attack — a wake-up call about the threat of ransomware; Do your homework in selecting a financial advisor; Women pay more than men for car insurance; Divorce on rise for older couples-financial impact big; Moderate to high TV viewing in midlife linked to later cognitive and brain function decline; More than one in four Medicare beneficiaries used telehealth between summer and fall last year; Rising health care costs are top threat to estate planning; and One of the US's largest insurance companies reportedly paid \$40 million dollars to ransomware hackers.

Milne named to Dean's List at Florida Institute of Tech

MELBOURNE, FL — Emily Milne of Tewksbury has been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology.

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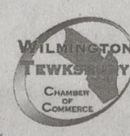
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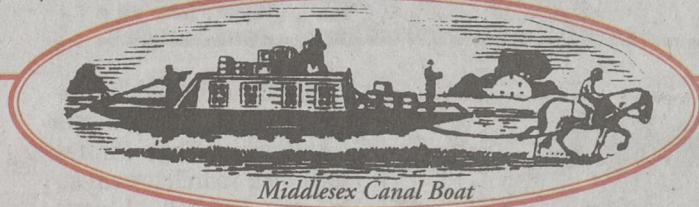
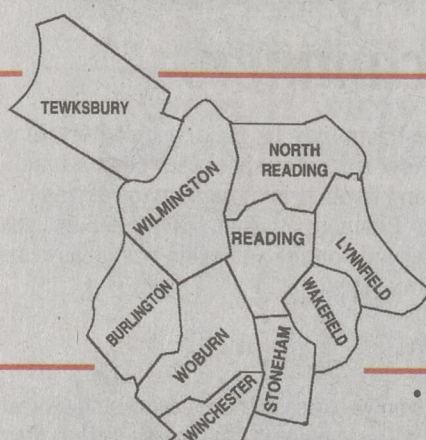
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Woburn firm awarded contract to develop continuous US-based manufacturing capability

BY PAT BLAIS

A Woburn-based pharmaceutical startup intends to open up the world's only manufacturing plant capable of mass-producing pharmaceutical products from start to finish. Continuous Pharmaceuticals, a medical tech firm launched in 2012 as a result of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) partnership, earlier this summer announced the start of operations at a 3,000 square foot laboratory at 32 Cabot Road in Woburn, a nondescript side street off of the city's Commerce Way Corridor nearby Market Basket and the Woburn Village redevelopment at the old Woburn Mall site.

Now, thanks to the success of its tech-driven manufacturing process and an approximate \$70 million influx in funding through a government contract with the U.S. Department of Defense, company officials say Continuous Pharmaceuticals can now accomplish what no other company in the world can.

"The Continuous manufacturing model daisy-chains all these unit operations together that are typically [dependent upon outside manufacturers] at multiple sites. You have the efficiency of producing a product in a continuous process from the front to the back," Ernie Penachio, the company's vice-president of technical operations, bragged during a Woburn City Council meeting earlier this month.

Penachio appeared before the city officials as the corporation looks to expand production capabilities within a new two-story facility at 32 Cabot Road that was erected in 2018.

The 50,000 square foot building, which contains a combination of office, warehouse, and manufacturing space, sits on a

6.25-acre parcel.

According to Rubin and Rudman attorney Joseph Tarby, who is representing the petitioner, his client is seeking a series of special permits from the council in order to expand the manufacturing floor space from 7,440 square feet to 37,728 square space.

Much of that expansion will happen by converting existing office and storage space into production areas. However, a 7,000 square foot building addition, as well as a three-story "utility" building to store warehouse vehicles and equipment, is also being proposed.

Though Woburn's Planning Board will determine whether to allow the manufacturing space changes, which are allowed within the underlying industrial zoning district, the City Council is weighing in on the Continuous petition because of its "higher hazard" use of



AT RIGHT IS THE TO BE BUILT MANUFACTURING FACILITY of Continuous on Cabot Road in Woburn. Above is an example of a fully integrated manufacturing process that runs 24/7, producing small molecular pharmaceuticals.



chemical ingredients within an existing flood plain.

Continuous' existing corporate footprint is already situated exclusively within Woburn, where the firm operates a development and engineering facility along Olympia Avenue and a separate research and development (R&D) headquarters at West Cummings Park off of Washington Street.

The firm's plans to open-up the world's only "front-to-back" pharmaceutical production facility comes as the memories of toilet paper shortages and the sight of bare grocery store shelves at the outset of the COVID-19 crisis are still fresh in minds of many.

Continuous' pitch also comes as those initial supply-chain shortages have continued until this day. With the breakdowns impacting everything from the price of lumber and pool chlorine tablets this summer to the availability of the semi-conductors and computer chips that power automobiles and small electronics, some of the more frightening shortages over the past 18-months left emergency room doctors and personnel scrambling to find medical grade masks, ventilators, and life-saving medications.

Countless politicians and media pundits have since proclaimed that in the interest of national security, the country needs to restore swaths of the United States' lost manufacturing sector, especially when life-saving medical equipment and

medicines are almost entirely dependent upon foreign production lines.

Given that background, the magnitude of Continuous Pharmaceuticals' plans was far from lost on Woburn's City Council.

"I think this is amazing, and I'm so happy you've decided to do it here in Woburn," responded Ward 5 Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, whose district includes the Cabot Road site and the firm's other R&D facilities.

"I'm hoping other people are paying attention to what you're doing, because the supply-chain issues are not limited to pharmaceuticals. I applaud you," continued Mercer-Bruen, a Winchester Hospital staffer who recalled various instances where the supply-chain shortages threatened to impact operations at area medical facilities.

According to Penachio and other Continuous representatives, the current production of everything from over the counter cold and cough medicines to antibiotics and vaccines is almost entirely dependent upon a compartmentalized manufacturing process that takes place in distant locales across the globe.

Under that system, most raw ingredients needed to make pharmaceuticals are shipped to plants in China and India, where lower-paid factory workers manufacture so-called active pharmaceutical ingredients or APIs.

For American pharmaceuticals, many of those APIs are then shipped back across the Pacific Ocean and into West Coast ports, before they are trucked to plants across the country and combined to create final products.

"This is a fairly traditional supply-chain and 70 to 80 percent of the drugs we have here in the United States follow this process," the vice president explained during this month's council meeting.

According to Continuous officials, with foreign competitors able to produce APIs much cheaper due to lower wage standards and much looser environmental regulations, overcoming that financial deterrent stands as the biggest obstacle to bringing the entire manufacturing process back to the United States.

To overcome that challenge, firm founders Salvatore Mascia and Bayan Takizawa turned to technology and created a new "integrated continuous manufacturing (ICM)" model that streamlines the entire process.

Under ICM, smaller factory footprints, such as mobile laboratories being marketed by Continuous, illustrate how the entire production process can be streamlined from the introduction of raw materials to the output of a final product.

"To change this outdated paradigm, Continuous Pharmaceuticals is leveraging a novel

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'Six Steps to Managing Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia,' With Latest Developments in Research and Treatment

Presented by Dr. Andrew Budson, Chief of Cognitive & Behavioral Neurology at the Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, Director of Education at the Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Professor of Neurology at Boston University and Lecturer in Neurology at Harvard Medical School



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habits, strategies and memory aids to use, in six simple steps. He will also discuss how families can manage issues with memory, language, vision, behavior, driving, incontinence and sleep. Lastly, he will touch on existing and new treatments for Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including Aducanumab, developed by Biogen and recently approved by the FDA.

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Answer appears below:

Woburn Country Club
juniors summer golf clinic

The Woburn Country Club and Woburn Recreation Department recently completed a summer golf clinic for junior boys and girls ages 7-12.

Under the direction of WCC PGA Golf Professional PETER BRACEY, and assistant MATT LEMAY, along with BRYAN NAGEL and JAKE DOHERTY from the Woburn Recreation Department, the youngsters started learning the very basic fundamentals of golf, how to correctly grip the golf club, and the rules of etiquette such as replacing divots on the course.

The youngsters were able to play on the golf course and applied what they had learned.

Meadow Brook's Charlie Johnson qualifies for Mass Senior Am

Six-time Meadow Brook Golf Club Senior Club Champion CHARLIE JOHNSON has qualified for the upcoming Massachusetts Senior Amateur championship to be played Sept. 28-29 at Pocasset Golf Club. Thus far, 46 players have earned a spot in the Championship Proper.

Johnson shot a 1-under 71 on Monday at Olde Scotland Links in Bridgewater to earn his spot as he tied for medalist honors with Dan Mastroianni (Cyprian Keyes GC). Douglas DeCaprio of Thomson CC in North Reading also qualified with a 1-over 73.

Tewksbury Country Club looking for pro shop help

Tewksbury Country Club is currently seeking part-time help in its golf pro shop.

Duties include operating cash register, answering phones, managing the first tee, and end of day closing.



Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

Must be available afternoons and weekends approximately 12-15 hours a week typically. The job requires a detail oriented, friendly person with customer service experience.

If you are interested please contact Mike at (978)640-0033 ext 2 or email to: mrogers@tewksburycc.com.

Eleventh Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic, Sept. 24

The Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons and Daughters of Italy of Wilmington and the Italian Heritage Month Committee, are proud to announce the 11th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic in celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month on Friday, Sept. 24, at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club in Methuen.

The committee invites you to participate in a great day of golf, food and fun. As in the past, 100% of the proceeds from the golf classic will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund. Over the last 10 years, the tournament has raised \$45,000!

The entry fee per golfer is \$125, which includes greens fee, golf cart, a player gift, continental breakfast, Italian sausage sub at the turn and a luncheon buffet. Golfers may register individually or in foursomes; individual golfers will be placed on a team. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. There will be contests on the course, a 50/50 raffle and a raffle table at the luncheon. Tickets are available for the luncheon only, at \$35.00 per person.

The tournament is a shotgun start and a scramble format. On the day of the

tournament, registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 8:30 a.m. If you are not a golfer and would like to support our charitable golf tournament, sponsorships are available. You may sponsor a hole for \$100 or a golf cart for \$50 or provide a gift certificate that will enhance our raffle table.

For further information on participating in the tournament, sponsorships or donating a gift to the raffle, please call Tournament Chairman Kevin Cairra at (978) 657-7734.

Massachusetts Pirates indoor football team had big success

The Massachusetts Pirates enjoyed their best season in franchise history and now look to keep that winning feeling alive as they set sail toward the 2021 Indoor Football League Championship.

The Pirates 11-3 record was the best in team history and their current eight-game winning streak is also a franchise record. Those lofty heights can be attributed in part to the amazingly low numbers that were attained by the Massachusetts defense. The Pirates led the IFL holding opponents to 33.1 points per game while giving up a league low 63 touchdowns.

In the 2018 season, Massachusetts had 11 wins over a 16-game schedule and gave up 42.9 points per game. This year's team was almost 10 points better on defense.

Opposing quarterbacks struggled against the Pirates defense completing a league low 49 percent of their passes. The 4.7 yards per reception and 120.8 passing yards per game were also the best of any defense in the IFL.

Now the franchise looks

to take the next step and secure its first victory in the postseason. The Pirates start their march toward an Indoor Football League championship Saturday night at 7:05 at Phoenix Field at the DCU Center when they host the 7-8 Bismarck Bucks.

The Country Club in Brookline set to host 2022 US Open

The Country Club in Brookline, which is one of the USGA's five founding clubs, is set to host its fourth US Open when next year's event begins the week of June 12, 2022. Tickets went on sale back in June at the conclusion of this year's event.

USGA members were able to access ticket pre-sales. Daily and multi-day access to the event, will go on sale later, according to the USGA.

The last time the club hosted was in 1988 when Curtis Strange defeated Nick Faldo in a Monday playoff. One of the most famous moments for The Country Club was in 1913, when Francis Ouimet, a 20-year-old amateur and former club caddy, defeated British professional stalwarts Harry Vardon and Ted Ray in an 18-hole playoff to win the US Open.

Ticket packages include:
Weekly Gallery: Access to grounds for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday practices, and all four rounds.

Weekly Garden: Access to grounds the entire week, plus food and beverage options.

Weekly Cabana: Luxury option with 12 tickets per day, plus on-demand food, beverage, and bottle service.

Two-day Reserved Grandstand: Two packages with weekday and weekend options for American Express customers, with access to grandstand near the second and fifth holes.

For more details on these packages, check out the US Open website.

Answer to this week's question: Buffalo Bills.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

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Avoid being easy targets for online scammers

Several school districts may be picking up where they left off last Spring. Now, as a new school year begins, teachers, administrators and families are adapting to varying situations. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) encourages everyone to stay safe while online and avoid being easy targets for online scammers.

Parents: Be careful

Creating accounts on websites without permission: Social media sites are ripe with strangers with intentions that may be quite different than yours. Many sites are designed to collect and sell unauthorized user details and behaviors to advertisers looking to engage in targeted marketing. When creating an account, some kids may falsely create a birthdate to meet the minimum age requirement. Know what your child is doing online, and keep track of the social media sites and accounts to which they have access.

Contests and giveaways: Contests and giveaways often collect a hefty amount of personal information on their entry forms. Many are thinly disguised ways of collecting personal or financial information that could lead to identity theft. Make sure your child doesn't have access to banking or credit card information, and supervise the filling out of any forms.

Phishing: Adults are not the only ones who receive spam and junk mail. Kids often get junk mail, and since they don't have much online experience, are more likely to be susceptible to click on links and answer questions they probably shouldn't. While some emails may be legitimate, the last thing parents want, or need, is a \$500 bill from a fraudulent website where a purchase may have been made- or worse, giving up personal information that can be tracked back to your home.

Understand apps. Short for "applications," apps are downloaded software that operate on various devices, such as smart phones. However, certain apps might collect and share personal information about your child, or target your child with ads. Even free apps may include paid features, and children may not understand that some apps or game features cost money, since they were labeled as free to download. They may click on these so-called free games and end up costing parents or guardians a hefty bill at the end of the month.

File sharing sites: Many websites allow children to download free media. What they may not know is these sites often come with the risk of downloading a virus, allowing identity thieves to access the gaming device, personal computer or even cell phone that's being used. From there, the cyberthief can track financial transactions, physical location or even tap into the household wifi without anyone knowing it.

Tips on how to manage online privacy for the family:

Know about Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU). CARU's self-regulatory program provides detailed guidance to children's advertisers on how to deal sensitively and honestly with children's issues. These guidelines include, but go beyond, the issues of truthfulness and accuracy to consider the uniquely impressionable and vulnerable child audience.

Know about COPPA. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act protects personal information of children under the age of 13 on websites and online services—including apps. COPPA requires those sites and services to notify parents and get their approval before they collect, use or disclose a child's personal information. However, if your nine-year old tells Instagram they are 13 (the age requirement to use the app), he or she won't be protected by this law.

Know about FOSI. The Family Online Safety Institute brings an international perspective to the potential risks, and harms as well as the rewards of our online lives. The Good Digital Parenting web portal is a great resource for families looking to educate online safety measures in the Internet age.

Don't share your location. Nearly every app automatically tracks a user's location. From placing an online order for groceries or fast food to playing an online game, review the apps on all of your devices to see which ones are tracking your location. Then, if it's not needed, look in the settings to see how to disable this feature. Advise a friend or family member to avoid geo-tagging their posts with their location. Why? For example, you don't want to announce the fact your family is vacationing out of state while the house sits empty. A simple review of the geo-tagged post will reveal where you really are.

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continuous manufacturing platform called ICM... initially developed at the Novartis-MIT Center for Continuous Manufacturing, a \$85 million joint research endeavor," reads company materials posted to its website.

Company officials contend that besides shrinking down equipment, improving yields, and decreasing the amount of manpower needed to produce final pharmaceutical products, its state-of-the-art ICM process has been shown to reduce overall development costs by a range of 30 to 50 percent.

"The only way to compete is to use technology to drive down costs...There's not another facility in the world that does this. It's a very innovative first-of-its kind development," said Penachio of the company's Cabot Road production plant.

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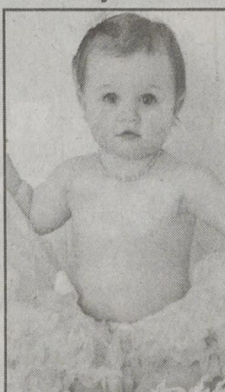
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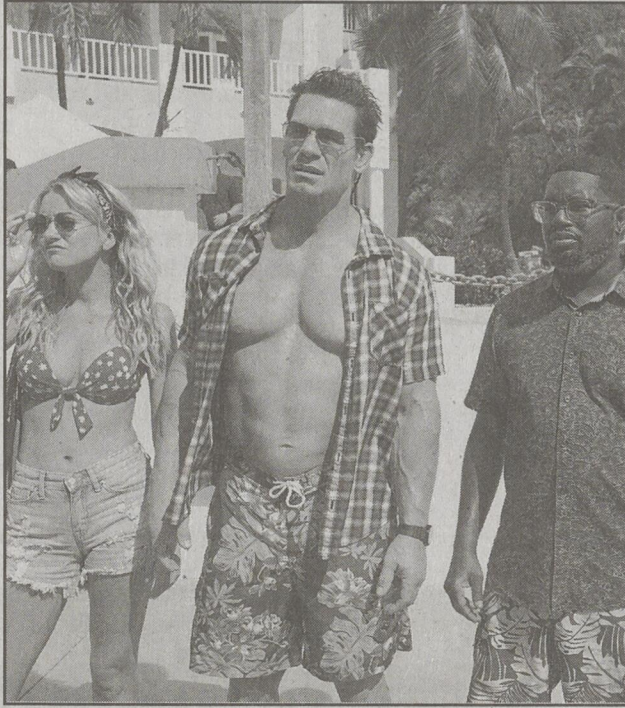
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Cena, Howery make 'Vacation Friends' a trip



WITH FRIENDS LIKE THIS... Meredith Hagner, from left, John Cena, and Lil Rel Howery in a scene from Hulu's "Vacation Friends." The film is enjoyable in a way that doesn't make you think about lost time and experiences over the past year.

(Jessica Miglio/20th Century Studios)

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

The pandemic has been cruel to more than a few movie genres, but have any been so hampered by the current state of the world as the vacation comedy?

Early on, it reminded us of what we couldn't do, what we were postponing or canceling. It was an odd experience of wistfulness laced with bitterness watching people like Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon dine and drink their way through Greece. Perhaps that's why a comedy as absurdist and fanciful as "Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar" clicked with so many. It was just unreal enough to be palatable and silly enough to be cathartic. And then, of course, came "The White Lotus," the dark comedy set at a ritzy Hawaiian resort that appealed on one level to some deep seeded superiority of not being "those people."

It's certainly not the fault of the movies and shows, most of which (with the notable exception of "The White Lotus") were made or at least conceived of well before March 2020. Still, a genre that generally goes down easy became a bit hard to stomach.

The latest entry is "Vacation Friends," a long-gestating idea about a pair of mismatched couples who click on vacation that's had everyone from Chris Pratt to Ice Cube in the lead. It finally started shooting, with Lil Rel Howery, John Cena, Yvonne Orji and Meredith Hagner now playing the foursome, in March 2020. Bad timing.

And yet, somehow out of the delays, the re-casting, the re-writes (Tom Mullen, Tim Mullen, Jonathan Goldstein, John Francis Daley and director Clay Tarver all have script credits), and the oddness of having to film in a pandemic, "Vacation Friends" came together to be a pretty fun time.

Howery plays Marcus, the straightlaced owner of a construction business who hopes to propose to his yuppie girlfriend Emily (Orji) on vacation in Mexico. Despite his meticulous planning, things go wrong from the start. But they get a lifeline when another couple, Ron (Cena) and Kyla (Hagner), invites them to crash in their presidential suite after being moved to tears by Marcus' proposal.

Ron and Kyla are very extra. They are loud and a little obnoxious and make more than a few questionable decisions on behalf of their new friends, but it all comes from an undeniably good place. And they're not rich either, as Emily assumes based on the ostentatious room. They spent every last dime on this vacation and are making the most of it.

It's a classic comedy set-up and after a few protests from Marcus and Emily, soon they learn to embrace the Ron and Kyla way and live as drunken free spirits on vacation. Extending the bit even further, Marcus and Emily get a rude awakening when their vacation friends literally crash their fancy wedding weekend. All the leads are fully committed and it's a great showcase for Cena's wild abandon as well as Howery in a different type of role.

They're surrounded by some delightful supporting performances too. The parents of the bride and groom are played by Robert Wisdom, Lynn Whitfield, Anna Maria Horsford and Chuck Cooper.

There's nothing especially revelatory about "Vacation Friends." There are a few genuinely good laughs to be had involving drugs, golf and a catamaran, both during the vacation and the wedding. And there's some tedium during the inevitable falling out segment. But it's enjoyable in a way that doesn't make you think about lost time and experiences over the past year. Not to put too much significance on "Vacation Friends," but perhaps it's a sign that we're ready to free lighthearted movies about chaotic vacations and destination weddings from the weight of the pandemic and just enjoy them.

"Vacation Friends," a 20th Century Studios release on Hulu Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "crude sexual references, language throughout and drug content." Running time: 105 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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Back to School!!

Schools find ways to keep gardening lessons blooming

By KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

Like gardening in general, school gardening has become hugely popular during the pandemic, with families and teachers saying its hands-on lessons can be applied to many subjects.

Finding the expertise, labor and funding to keep a school garden going can be tough. But some experts and teachers are finding creative ways to make it work.

"Gardens are a great way to get kids outside with a purpose. With gardens, kids get to see a beginning, a middle and an end to their project, with tangible results," says Susan Hobart, a retired elementary school teacher at Lake View Elementary School in Madison, Wisconsin, who now oversees the school's large garden with 12 raised beds.

"The gardens relax the kids and give them a whole different perspective they wouldn't have just sitting at desk," she says.

Each spring, the school's program gets plant seedlings grown through a training program at a nearby state prison. A church group comes during spring break to prepare the garden for the kids' return, and over the summer, an AmeriCorps volunteer takes care of the garden.

"If we had to buy the seedlings, they'd cost \$3 each and we could never afford that," Hobart says.

"If you take a look at your relationships and the community around you and then all the wider networks out there, there are plenty of creative ways to find help."

Interest in school gardens spiked dramatically when Michelle Obama planted a garden at the White House and invited schoolchildren to help, says Toby Adams, who directs the New York Botanical Garden's 3-acre Edible Academy in the Bronx, where schoolchildren learn about growing food. There's been another burst of interest since the pandemic started.

School gardens can teach hands-on lessons in health, science, social studies, and even humanities and arts classes.

"Luckily, the big trend now is that there are more and more organizations and support networks, particularly regional networks, to help support school gardens," says Adams. "And online learning has really exploded since the pandemic."

"Giving kids the opportunity to move outside, get their hands dirty, and find worms, especially if their teachers are excited about it — that's huge," he says.

For schools without space for even a small garden, turning to local botanical gardens and parks can



sometimes be the answer.

"We are located in the Bronx, which is basically wall to wall six-story apartment buildings. There's limited space, and vandalism, and it's hard to find a good place to gather 30 kids, not to mention issues like water access," says Adams.

"Gardening doesn't have to be a big patch outdoors. It could be a container garden, a hydroponic garden — there are all kinds of gardens and ways it can work," he says.

Hobart suggests finding a Master Gardener program, sometimes offered through universities, since graduates must put in a number of hours of free labor to earn their certification. "It's taken us 10 years to get here, but we did it," she says.

Nathan Larson, who leads the Cultivate Health Initiative, a collaborative project involving the University of Wisconsin-Madison and statewide partners to support Wisconsin's school gardens, says his "aha" moment came when he realized the group was supporting two gardens within 5 miles of each other, and neither knew the other

existed.

"It became clear that teachers and parents involved with school gardens felt isolated and didn't know where to turn for support," says Larson, who wrote a free downloadable book, "Teaching in Nature's Classroom."

At the national level, two major resources for school gardens are The National Farm to School Network and the School Garden Support Organization Network.

There's also the National Children and Youth Garden Symposium, organized by the American Horticulture Society to train teachers and others. The symposium is held in a different part of the country each year; the past two years, it was held online.

Life Lab, based in Santa Cruz, California, offers workshops for educators across the country on how to engage young people in gardens and on farms. The Junior Master Gardener Program is a youth gardening program run by Texas A&M University's cooperative Extension network. Other resources for teachers and others include the National COVID-19 Outdoor

Learning Initiative, the Edible Schoolyard Network, Slow Food USA School Garden Network and Big Green.

Ron Finley has been an outspoken supporter of the transformative powers of teaching city kids about seeds and growing. His non-profit Ron Finley Project aims to "change the culture around food."

Finley recalls being amazed as a boy when he witnessed, as part of a class project in his South Central Los Angeles school, how "a seed literally destroys itself to become food."

"Having a garden in a school is just as important as any other education," Finley says. "The act of gardening teaches you where our food source comes from and teaches you to have a reverence for soil. If kids have a reverence for soil, they have a reverence for themselves and respect for this planet. Gardening should be part of the main curriculum. Gardening is not a hobby, it's a life skill. I see this as one of the most valuable lessons of humanity."



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IRISH SINGER MOSSIE COUGHLIN

WOBURN - The well-known singer of Irish songs Mossie Coughlan will be performing in Woburn as a fundraiser for the Woburn Rotary Club on Friday, September 17th at the Woburn/Stoneham Lodge of Elks in East Woburn.

Coughlan is well-known as an Irish-American music entertainer and will be performing from 7-11 p.m. and the night will include a full dinner.

The event will be held to raise funds for several of Woburn Rotary's groups to include the Council of Social Concern, Woburn Student Government Day, veterans, seniors and many more. In addition at the event, there will be a Silent Action with items to be bid on, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets will cost \$40 per person and includes dinner. And, the dinner includes a garden salad, pasta and meatballs with house-made sauce, chicken stir fry with white rice, cookies, brownies and coffee from Dunkin'.

There will also be a cash bar.

The Woburn-Stoneham Lodge of Elks #908 is located at 295 Washington Street and features a recently renovate function hall area with ample parking in the rear.

Coughlan is very well known locally as he has performed for years at Bickford's in Burlington.

For tickets contact Pesident Bill Sullivan: sully1980@comcast.net or call 781-686-0317.

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STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom of 13x9-inch pan with shortening or cooking spray.

2. Make brownie batter as directed on box. Spread in pan.

3. Bake 22 to 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool completely on cooling rack, about 1 hour.

4. Using fork, break apart brownies into small pieces. Place brownies in large bowl. Stir in chocolate syrup until brownies are moistened. Set aside.

5. Spray another 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray.

6. In 6-quart Dutch oven, melt butter over medium-low heat. Add marshmallows; stir until completely

melted and mixture is well blended, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter until melted. Add cereal; mix well. Using a spatula sprayed with cooking spray, press half of cereal mixture evenly in bottom of pan.

7. Top cereal layer with reserved brownie mixture; press to make a lightly packed brownie layer. Spoon remaining cereal mixture over top, and spread to cover brownie layer, pressing firmly for an even top. Cool 15 minutes.

8. In small microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips and 1/2 teaspoon oil uncovered on High 30 to 60 seconds. Stir until smooth. Drizzle over bars. Refrigerate about 40 minutes or until chocolate is set. Cut into 6 rows by 4 rows.

Ingredients

Brownie Layer

- 1 box (18.3 oz) fudge brownie mix

- Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on brownie mix box

- 2 tablespoons chocolate-flavor syrup

Crispy Layers

- 3/4 cup butter

- 8 cups mini marshmallows, from 2 (10 oz) bags

- 3/4 cup crunchy or creamy peanut butter

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- 1/2 teas. vegetable oil

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Wilmington resident Dana Goulet has been elected one of the captains on this year's Bentley University women's soccer team. Back in 2019, the midfielder led the team in goals and points. (courtesy photo/Bentley University).

Elected captain on Bentley women's soccer team

Goulet aces in the classroom and on the field

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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WALTHAM/WILMINGTON - Back in the late summer of 2017, Dana Goulet was pretty busy. She was getting ready for her senior year of high school where she was a standout three-sport athlete, she was coming back from a two-week soccer camp in Denmark and she also had narrowed her choices down on where she wanted to attend college and continue to play soccer.

In an interview with the Town Crier that September, she said that academics was the priority in regards to selecting the college she wanted to attend. She didn't want to play soccer at a D1 school, and was open to play at a D3 school if the academics suited her. Throughout the process, she decided on Bentley University, and at that time, her plan was to play both soccer and softball, as well as take on a heavy academic workload.

Now four years later, the 21-year-old is a senior - who has gained a fifth-year of soccer eligibility because the pandemic cancelled last year's season - is one of the team's captains. She was asked about the toughest adjustment she had to make as a

student-athlete at Wilmington High, where she was part of four straight league title teams and was named to the Middlesex, Lowell Sun and Eastern Mass All-Star teams, and then onto Bentley.

"Academics," she said without a second of hesitation. "Juggling academics and athletics with the school - I had a hard time adjusting to that. They have so many resources for us, so they don't let you fail. That was really, really hard jumping straight from class to practice."

Despite not being able to compete on the soccer field in 2020, Goulet earned the Academic Achievement Award from the Division 2 Athletic Directors Association for having a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better (she posts a 3.56).

"The academics at Bentley are outstanding so being expected to keep that high caliber of academic success and also performing on the field was tough (at first). It was the time management, but also the actual classes. I'm taking Accounting and Finance and those are just so foreign to me. It's not something I experienced in high school. I think I took pottery class in high

school," she said with a laugh.

After making such an impact both academically and athletically at WHS, especially on the soccer field, Goulet carried that momentum when she first arrived in Waltham. She started 15 of the team's 16 games as a midfielder, scored her first goal against Pace University and also picked up three assists.

"Dana is a fantastic player and she certainly made an impact for us during her freshmen year and it's just continued, even last year where we had the shut down," said head coach Lauren Lukis. "I think she had that opportunity to grow and mature in a role outside of the field, which is why she was elected captain for this season."

Once her rookie season ended, it was time to find her batting gloves for the softball field - or not.

"Freshmen year was a lot because I came in playing both soccer and softball," she said. "It's a big commitment in the first place to do a sport, but doing two was a whole different scenario. I did stop playing softball. Juggling both sports was hard. It was exciting because I was getting the

GOULET B7W

Will attend Seton Hill to play lacrosse

Erickson doesn't pass this opportunity up

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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WILMINGTON, MA/GREENSBURG, PA - With the start of the school year upon us, seniors around the state of Massachusetts, (and the country, for that matter), are trying to make the final decision on where they will be attending college next fall. As any parent or student will tell you, it is a process filled with anxiety as they wait for just the right school to send that coveted letter of

acceptance.

For Wilmington High senior three sport athlete Gavin Erickson, however, that is one worry he can put behind him as he prepares for his senior year. Not only does Erickson know where he will be attending college in the fall, he also knows that when he does, it will be the culmination of a life-long goal, as he recently committed to play lacrosse at Division 2 Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Erickson, a senior midfielder for the Wildcats, was the team's leading scorer last season as a junior, helping to lead the team to an improbable 5-7 record, while offering a nice glimpse into the future of the lacrosse program at Wilmington High.

Erickson, who also stars for the Wildcats Football and Basketball teams, has a full year of high school sports ahead of him, but it is hard not to be excited about where he will be

ERICKSON B7W

Pop Warner excited to kick off its 58th season

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - Dating back to 1963, the first year of Wilmington Pop Warner, there was one football team of 22 players and it was coached by Rico Catalano and Dick Allard.

Through decades and decades, those numbers grew astronomically as the program had usually five or six teams, as well as five or six cheerleading teams. There were plenty of outstanding players and teams for years and years, that won all kinds of games, accolades and cheerleading competitions.

The last few years though, youth football numbers have dropped considerably, not just in Wilmington but across the state and the country. There's a number of reasons for it, but it's certainly alarming to say the least.

Last Thursday night, the Town Crier met up with Joe McCauley, who is an extremely busy man, to discuss the fate of the league and youth football in general. Besides his children being involved in athletics at the youth, high school and collegiate level, he serves as both the Wilmington Pop Warner League President as well as the head football coach of the Middle School Football program.

"It's hectic (for me) - it's like a second full-time job," he said with a big laugh. "I've been doing it for so long, it seems like second nature. My phone has four different email accounts, so I answer emails from everybody.

It's hectic, especially in August at the start of Pop Warner because there's a lot of paperwork involved, so come September 10th when we do certifications and I'm done with paperwork, it's like heaven. All of the Pop Warner coaches are USA Certified, it's actually a four-hour course and they go everything you can think of. It's yearly."

As the president, McCauley oversees a program that has now dwindled down to two football teams - not counting the Middle School team which is complete (completely?) separate - and three cheerleading teams. The two football teams, the U10 and U8 teams were recently helped out by three additions each after Burlington had to fold those two teams from its program.

"Their U8 and U10 teams didn't have enough players so they contacted us and I said we will take them all. Anyone who wants to play, we'll take them. As you can see rosters for our teams were low anyway, as we were only at 16 apiece, so we're picking up three more for each team so that gives us a healthy numbers," said McCauley. "So, we have two teams here the U8 and U10's and then the sixth, seventh and eighth graders are all together as part of the middle school team."

Despite just two teams and low numbers, McCauley is elated that the season is finally here.

"We're excited to get the kids here. We have two teams so we're going to go with it. After a year-and-a-half of not being here, I

have to do everything I can to get these kids back on the field playing football. The same with the cheerleaders. We have real good numbers with them, about 50 of them between three teams so the same thing with them, we want to do everything we can to get them back out here participating."

"Last year" was tough. We didn't have a season last year so coming into this year we said hopefully we'll get the numbers and we didn't know if we would get kids out or kids to register. It was slow going for a while and I kept it going, advertising through social media and kids were trickling in. Once we got 15 kids per each team, then we were a go, figuring that I'm going to keep it open all the way through September, just in case and I'll take anyone who shows up."

The two teams are coached by Domenic Botticelli for the U8 and veteran Steve Zella for the U10s.

"This is Dom's first year and typically you have the second graders coming back as third graders who played football but not this year," explained McCauley.

"Everyone on this year's team is brand new so you don't have that experience that you would with a second year kid. He's teaching everything new, all fundamentals, all about learning the game and just trying to get the kids up to speed because the first game of the season is September 12th."

The two football teams will participate in Eastern Mass Football, playing

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Above, Sean Murphy (40) and Ryan Nugent practice a tackling drill and below, Jacob Beaudoin of the U8 team is about to get tackled by Jackson Lamontagne all during a practice held last Tuesday night at the Glen Road School.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Roberts emerging into an elite tight end, leader

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NORTH ANDOVER - Through the 80-plus years of Wilmington High School football, the percentage of players moving on to play at a Division 1 program are extremely slim. In fact you can probably count them on two or three hands.

The latest addition to that short list is Tyler Roberts, who has been a tremendous addition to the Merrimack College Warriors' program. On the field, Roberts has played multiple positions on both sides of the ball. He was extremely successful as a linebacker and now is as a tight end, receiving various awards from both spots.

Throughout his 2.5 years with the program - counting the team playing just three games in the abbreviated COVID-19 season back in February and March - his relentless work ethic, commitment and drive has not gone unnoticed. The program votes on captains every year and only a junior (gaining back a year of eligibility because of COVID), Roberts has been named one of them for this upcoming season, which gets underway on Saturday against Holy Cross. And secondly, head coach Dan Curran has a tradition where the players vote for the hardest and most consistent worker on the team, and the winner wears the No. 10 jersey, and the winner was Roberts.

"Tyler has been awesome. He came in day one and the big things we talk about is being accountable, reliable, being a hard working guy, find a way to compete, be a great teammate and from day one, he found himself in the rotation and he ended up making the NE-10 All Rookie Team," said Curran, a Chelmsford native, whose mother Kay Aspell was named to the Town Crier's All-Time girls' basketball team.

Back in 2018 as a fresh-



Tyler Roberts, a junior tight end, has been elected as one of the team captains on the Merrimack College Football team despite being a junior.

(courtesy photo/Merrimack College - Mike Mercuri).

man, Roberts started all ten games on defense for the Warriors' as a linebacker. He finished the season with 54 tackles, two fumble recoveries and 1 TD. His shining moment came against Bentley University where he had 12 tackles and a fumble returned for a TD. Those efforts landed him in the NE-10 All-Rookie team, while he won the league's Player of the Week Award several times.

After that season, several things changed - the program officially was bumped up to Division 1 in the Northeast Conference and Roberts was asked to change positions.

"We asked him to transition to tight end, which is not an easy transition. He embraced it. We had a major need at the tight end spot and I thought we had some guys who could fill his role at linebacker. Honestly, I think he can be elite at tight end. His upside keeps getting high-

er. He's smart, he's versatile. He literally does everything for us," said Curran.

Another former WHS star player Mike Gennetti is in his 16th season as a coach, serving as the defensive coordinator since 2011, and was sad to see Roberts leave his defensive squad.

"We had him more as an outside linebacker, like a SAM (strongside linebacker) and he did a great job. He was on the All-Rookie team as a freshman. (The change) was a scenario where there was some reluctance, but credit to Tyler, he's a team guy and he took the challenge and has done great with it. He's going to have a great year. He's a real productive tight end."

In high school, Roberts' athleticism was used in a variety of ways, between tight end in his earlier days, and then halfback/wide receiver during his latter days.

learn the whole offense sophomore year."

Playing just one side of the ball was also quite a change for Roberts.

"The speed of the game and it's just so much faster. Your reads are so much quicker. I was surprised that in college I was more tired playing on one side of the ball than I was for playing both sides of the ball in high school," he said.

In 2019, he finished the season with three catches for 45 yards and a TD. Then during the abbreviated season, in just three games, he had seven catches for 78 yards and a score. This year the expectations are much higher, not just for Roberts but for the entire team behind 25 incoming freshmen and several transfers, including QB Westin Elliott, who is over from Louisiana Tech.

"We brought in some depth at some positions that we needed. We got a transfer quarterback, Westin Elliott from Louisiana Tech, a transfer offensive lineman and I think we can be really good," said Roberts. "We have the guys who can do it and so far during this fall camp, we have looked a lot improved. When Westin moved here over the summer and obviously being a local guy, I got to stay up here and throw with him all summer so we made a pretty good connection there."

Certainly the connection that Roberts has made with the program and his teammates will be much bigger than one of any of the possible quarterbacks who will be throwing passes to him. Wearing jersey No. 10 with the 'C' on it, means so much more.

"Essentially (the No. 10 jersey) goes to the most hard working, consistent guy on the team, so I was pretty proud when I was voted to that, and for team captain. Those two accolades mean as much if not more than any of the other awards I have received. I think (earning those things) speaks a lot to the

respect that your teammates have for you, the work that I do on a consistent basis is paying off," he said.

That hard work in the sport started since he could remember - the days of watching the Big Guys on TV to the days of Pop Warner and to the days at WHS. His love of the game certainly can't be questioned.

"This was my best opportunity to play Division-1 Football. I had some other interest while I was in high school like UNH, Stonehill, Harvard and a couple of other schools but when I came here for my overnight stay, I just bonded with the guys well so it was a great opportunity and so glad I made the decision that I did."

While Roberts has blossomed on the field, you can immediately tell how much he has matured as a person, and just really understands and grasps leadership, and his role as a leader. He credits both Curran and Gennetti for that, saying both of them have "definitely made me a better football player. Even before that they have made me a better person."

This football player who keeps emerging and getting better, was recently voted to Phil Steele's 2021 NEC All-Conference team. He was asked about possible goals for this upcoming season.

"I could be the first one to the All-Conference team as a tight end. Obviously every player sets some (personal) goals for themselves or numbers that they want in their head. I have some goals for myself but ultimately I just want to do whatever I need to do to help this team win."

"This has been a goal of mine from when I don't even remember, maybe second grade to play Division 1 football. I'm less amazed and more proud that I've had the consistency and put in the work to get here."

Back for his 17th season, Gennetti still defensive-minded

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NORTH ANDOVER - Back in the late 1990's, Wilmington had a handful of extremely talented football teams. Certainly the 1998 team was remembered for being one of the biggest (size wise) teams in recent memory, while there was tremendous talent up and down the roster.

One of the tri-captains on that team was Mike Gennetti. He was one of those players, who lived, breathed and ate football, who wore his heart on his sleeve on every second of every play, and always, always gave second, third and fourth efforts every time he carried the ball and every time he tried to make a tackle.

After graduating from WHS in 1999, he went on to have a stellar career at Worcester State. He was a four-year starter as a defensive back, served as a captain as a senior, was named to the Worcester All-Area First Team, finishing sixth in the entire nation for Division 3 schools in defensive interceptions, making eight in nine games. Later that academic year, he was named the Senior Male Athlete of the Year winner for his leadership in sports at the school.

Knowing that his playing days were over, it didn't take Gennetti long to figure out that the game would never leave him. He joined the Worcester State coaching staff as an intern, before spending two years as the team's defensive backs coach and strength and conditioning coach. He helped the Lancer pass defense make an incredible improvement, going from 17th in the nation in 2003 to first in 2004.

Through a connection with another former WHS star player, Danny Ballou, Gennetti left Worcester State and joined the Merrimack College program. That was the spring

(head coach's) dream or anything. It's been great to be here and help build this program along with Coach (Dan) Curran. I have been lucky," he said. "I've been through three



Former WHS Football player and captain Mike Gennetti begins his 19th year of coaching college football, his 17th now at Merrimack College. He's been the team's Defensive Coordinator for the past ten years.

(courtesy photo/Merrimack College - Mike Mercuri).

of 2005 and he's been there ever since. He's served in various roles, including linebackers coach, before being named the Defensive Coordinator in 2011. He is entering his 17th season with the team, having worked for three different head coaches, which certainly says a lot considering new head coaches usually bring in their own guys.

This Saturday, Merrimack will open the 2021 fall season with a game against Holy Cross and Gennetti will again led the defense, hoping to shut down the Crusaders' offense.

"It's been pretty amazing. To be here this long is great. I never envisioned myself to be someone who was going to bounce around and try to chase down that Division 1

head coaches, so it started with Jimmy Murphy, then John Perry and then Dan. I got here in the spring of 2005 after I had been with Worcester State for two years as an assistant coach/intern and just kind of learning from those guys there. I got an opportunity through Danny Ballou, who was on the staff here at the time."

Gennetti immediately made an impact as the DC. In his first season, the defense ranked second in the NE-10 in yards allowed per contest, and third in total sacks and fumble recoveries. Two years later, the DL led the conference and was one of the best groups in the entire country with 36 QB sacks. In 2017, the Warriors ranked second in the league in rushing yards allowed per game.

Then in 2019, when the team was elevated to play D1, Merrimack led the conference in sacks, ranked among the leaders in interceptions and tackles for a loss, all while coming through with a winning record.

"We've changed quite a bit and have evolved defensively in the past probably five years or so," he said. "I was very much a different scheme and a different philosophy coach, and in the past five years I just changed. The game has changed quite a bit, the college game. Just with all the different types of offensive schemes you see now so I have settled in to playing a lot more man-to-man, aggressive style (of defense). I'm away from the bend, don't break and more of attack, attack and attack, try to put the offense back on their heels a little bit more. It's been unbelievable for us adopting that type of philosophy. The kids have done a great job of relishing that challenge of playing man-to-man and pressuring the other team."

With Merrimack competing in the NCAA Division 1 Football Championship Subdivision Northeast Conference, Gennetti said that there's a lot of spread offense with many wrinkles.

"There's a lot of spread offense here, a lot of quarterback run plays, zone read stuff where they are trying to really put guys into run-pass conflicts," he said. "I decided at some point that I didn't want to live in that world anymore. I wanted to live in a world where we would be a little bit more dictating the flow of the game of stopping their offense as opposed to accepting what they are giving us. I was trying to make the most of

it and the philosophy was shifted about five years ago to let's attack. Let's make them adjust to what we do as opposed to us adjusting to what they do. Make them kind of defend what we're doing."

That philosophy change resulted in a brand new playbook.

"We're a middle closed defense, a single high safety team for the most part," he explained. "We have some sub packages where we will have two high safeties in the game, but for the most part what we do is we close the middle of the field off and play aggressive type man-to-man. We pressure you, we attack you, we give you different fronts, different looks and we send people from different areas of the field."

"A lot of our interest comes from some of those higher level programs like the Michigans and the Ohio States and watching what they do. Then you also go out and network with other coaches, trying to find different ways to do things and kind of adopting it, seeing it and putting it into our system and trying to have it make sense for what we have and what we do. We play a ton of guys on defense. Our big thing is trying to find guys who can do certain things, let them do those certain things and let their confidence build and grow from there. Now everybody has a piece of it and you're not just playing eleven, twelve or thirteen guys, now we're playing probably twenty-two, twenty-three or twenty-four guys. If they can do something well, get them on the field and let them play."

Starting with Saturday's game with Holy Cross, Merrimack has some high expectations competing in

its second full season of D1 football. In order to be successful and win more than they lose, the defense has to shine.

"I look at Mike as more of a partner of this whole thing than just as my Defensive Coordinator," said Curran. "If I have son, which I do, I would want him to go play for someone like Mike. He's a tremendous teacher and leader. He's done a great job of evolving as a DC and we're all excited to see where the defense is headed."

Gennetti was asked if he ever thought about 'heading elsewhere' and become a head coach somewhere else, or even a DC at another program.

"No, no. I'm here just taking it year-by-year and just taking it in. I'm really focusing on what I'm doing here and not focusing on what could be. I'm just really dealing with the present. I'm not worrying about what happened in the past, and I'm just trying to look forward to the future doing the best that I can for Merrimack College. That's how I have to be," he said.

He has to be that kid from Wilmington - and now resides in Derry, New Hampshire with his wife and three kids - who eats, breathes and lives the game of football.

"There's no question how much I love this game. I have been fortunate here. I taught and was part-time until 2012 and then I got the opportunity to go full-time. This is what I have always wanted and it just happened to have worked out here, while I was here," he said.

Goulet aces in the classroom and on the field

FROM B5W

chance to make these immediate friends in college with both teams, but I realized that my heart wasn't completely in it for softball."

That decision allowed her to stick with her two loves, once again academics and soccer. And months later, it all paid off, not only for her, but the entire program.

"Things really didn't change until my sophomore year. That's when the soccer team really clicked and we just had such a great season. We went to the Northeast-10 semi-finals and it was the first time we qualified for the NCAA Tournament."

The Falcons finished 10-8-2 that season, including a 3-2 loss to Saint Rose in the semi-finals of the NE-10 Tournament, and then eight days later came a 1-0 loss to Molloy of New York, in the NCAA Division 2 Tournament.

"Our culture changed so much. I think a lot of that had to do with the new class that had come in, specifically Kat Hassapis, who is also returning this year and she is from North Reading. She's our returning goalie and she along with the other seniors just took a hold of the team, and a different culture. It's just been more of a family environment."

Things really took off for Goulet that season. She started all 20 of the team's matches, played the third most minutes on the team with 1,547, led the team in goals (5) and points (11) and she scored both goals in the 2-1, double-overtime win over St. Michael's.

"That was a really good moment for me. I think that game was the tipping point that brought us to the NCAA Tournament. If we had tied that game, which we were close on doing, it probably would-

n't have boded well for us," she said.

For her efforts, she was named second team All Northeast-10 Conference.

"(The year) 2019 was a great year for us. That was Dana's sophomore year and she plays coast to coast. She's in the mid-field and she's up and down the field. She's great on the attack and obviously she is a force to be reckoned with - she just buzzes around the field with so much energy. Her opponents are probably like 'really, I have to mark this girl?' She is coming into this season with a little bit more maturity, a little bit more disciplined in her role," said Lukis. "We had an injury earlier, so we put her more in the back a little bit to grow her some more for when the season starts and she has embraced that completely. She is still in the midfield, but this (change) is just a testament to how great she is."

On Friday, Bentley opens its 2021 season against Molloy, the same team who knocked them out of the playoffs two years ago. Goulet is thrilled, obviously for being back on the field, but being back with a close-knit, young but potentially strong team.

"(Losing last year's season) gave us more of an opportunity to hang out as a team outside of soccer. I probably know our sophomore class now, who were freshmen last year, better than I ever would have because of that. Now we have that group who we haven't seen play yet, along with our current group of freshmen so that's half of our team who have never played college soccer. It's hard but thankfully we're not the only team in that boat."

"This is the biggest freshmen class that has

ever been recruited. We have ten freshmen as well as a transfer from a Division 1 school. In our first scrimmage we beat Clark, 3-0 and that was great to see. I think there's a handful of girls here who are going to make a difference with the team."

And it's hard to argue that none have made a bigger impact than Dana Goulet.

"What can I say about her and her family off the field? She is just a coach's dream really," said Lukis. "I think she has enough of a spark in her attitude that keeps her positive but she's also super competitive and knows when to focus in and go hard for that goal. Dana is a hard worker, she's fit as can be and just buzzes around the entire field and as a coach, it's just a dream to have a player like her."

"She's a goal scorer for us and she's still looking to be a playmaker, but she has certainly come away with goals when we needed one. Because she's so fast and dynamic, she will look for every opportunity to get into the '18 (yard box) and really try to score a goal. She's a really well-rounded midfielder in that sense."

"Off the field, she's also outstanding. She knows how to balance everything. Bentley is an amazing school to go to, it's a nationally ranked business school, so we're not the type of team that can take too much time off so literally during the season, she is going from practice to opening a book and getting the balance of her studies right away. Our career placement here is 99 percent, so she is certainly destin to have a great career (in the work field)."



After his graduates next June, Wilmington High senior Gavin Erickson will be playing lacrosse at Seton Hill College, a Division 2 program in Pennsylvania. (file photo).

Erickson doesn't pass this opportunity up

FROM B5W

headed in September of 2022.

"I am very excited for it, very eager to get started," Erickson said. "It is very much a relief to have this behind me. I have been going through the recruiting process for almost two years. It has been a very long process, especially with COVID and everything, so it is definitely a weight off my shoulders."

Having the weight off his shoulders is one thing, but having it off his shoulders and knowing he made the right choice is something else. Fortunately for Erickson, he has complete confidence the Seton Hill is the right place for him, both for lacrosse and for his intended major, sports marketing.

"Really, I was just so impressed with the coaches and the school," Erickson said. "I had been talking to one of the assistant coaches for a while (Marc Piche), and he was a really great guy. I was very eager to meet him, and when I finally got to visit the school and he showed me around the campus, I just loved it. And the other coaches (head coach Brian Novotny and assistant coach Chris Ilse) were just as great as coach Piche was."

So, there is plenty to look forward to for Erickson, but before he gets to experience the thrill of playing college lacrosse, there is still plenty of work to be done in his senior year, starting with football in just over a week's time, and culminating with lacrosse in the spring. While it may be hard not to look ahead to next year, Erickson says he will have no problem focusing on his last days at Wilmington High.

"It is my senior year, so I just want to live in the moment," Erickson said. "I look at it as my last high school season in all three sports, so I just want to take it slow, and enjoy it while it lasts."

Masks mandated for indoor activities

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) provides the following direction in accordance with the recent action taken by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and set forth by the Commissioner of Education yesterday.

In order to safely maximize full participation of

fall sports:

Masks shall be required for any activity for student-athletes and coaches who are indoors;

Masks are not required and will remain optional for any activity for student-athletes and coaches outdoors;

These are minimum

required safety standards that are consistent with the practice of indoor and outdoor recess and indoor and outdoor physical education classes during the school day.

The Middlesex League also announced that masks need to be worn during all inside activities.

Pop Warner ready to kick off 58th season

FROM BN5W

eight games with the hopes of qualifying for the playoff rounds.

"Eastern Mass Pop Warner is the governing league so between all of the programs that have folded, all of the Eastern Mass teams now just play together as one league," said McCauley. "Billerica and the some of those Merrimack Valley teams are part of our league, and then there's some Middlesex League teams like Reading, Woburn and Burlington."

He was asked about the lack of numbers in his program, now with 38 combined.

"Woburn only has just U10 and U12 teams, Reading has just one team and then you go to Billerica and they have full teams across the board and then two other teams. Methuen is the same way and it's just different depending on the town. You go to some towns and they have 150 kids and you go to other towns and they got 30. It's just crazy how it works," he answered.

Besides those two teams, is the Middle School program and numbers there are the complete opposite.

"The Middle School programs are thriving across the Middlesex League with 40 to 50 kids on each roster," he said. "We have 42 here. Reading and Burlington are new this year and their rosters are the same size. This league is pretty popular around the Middlesex League towns."

McCauley replaces Shawn Maguire, who held

the spot for a few years and did a fantastic job.


"I originally (was the head coach) and then Shawn took over for two years and (take out second and) now I'm back coaching again," said McCauley. "If you think about it, you had a high school coach of thirty years, so how many times do you get a high school football coach with that much experience coming in and coaching at the youth level? Having Shawn the last two years was so great. His group all graduated and are now in high school, so now there's a lot of new kids. Our first game is September 15th. We practice here at (Glen Road) because I need to be here, but we play our games at Yentile Park. It's easier for me since I do both, plus I need to be here in case there's any issues."

Besides the football teams and players, the talented cheerleading teams are also back. Known for their National Championship titles over the past two decades, the girls are split into three teams coached by former WPW President Deb Smith, as well as Lauren Parisi and Krystle Valente.

"They are competing to go to Nationals in Florida, which will be in early December," said McCauley, who later added that overall, "We're excited to get the kids back. I think the parents are excited to get the kids back. They have been here every night and there hasn't been any issues at all. We're excited and the kids are excited to be back out on the field and the cheerleaders are thrilled to be here."



Wilmington Pop Warner Cheerleading coach Debn Smith works with her cheerleaders starting in the middle with Alexia Valente (middle) and going left and to the back Lilly King, Gianna Jordan and Aubrey Annerelli during last Tuesday night's practice at the Glen Road Field. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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Wilmington Youth Lacrosse recently announced the recipients of the 2021 WYLA and Paul "Scotty" McDougall Scholarship awards. Above left is Amanda Howell, who graduated from Shawsheen Tech, is now attending Western New England University and she received the McDougall Scholarship; Middle is Mia DeMarco, who graduated from Wilmington High School, is also attend Western New England University and she received the WYLA Scholarship; and to the far right is Patrick Xavier, who also graduated from WHS and is attending Boston College and he earned the McDougall Scholarship. Presenting each scholarship is WYLA outgoing league president Jenn Martins. (courtesy photos).

Bocce Tournament in honor of Joe Gillis, September 25

The inaugural Joe Gillis Memorial WHS Baseball Scholarship Bocce Tournament will take place on Saturday September 25, with a rain date of Sunday September 26 and will be held at the

Jack Cushing Courts, located at 72 Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. Game schedule will be shared once teams are set. For information or to sign-up, please contact:

Andrea Gillis at 978-257-7787. The donation is \$25 per person/\$100 per Team: Venmo: @Gillis-Bocce-4WHS, Cash, Checks made out to Andrea Gillis, memo: Joe Gillis Scholarship Fund.

All proceeds will go directly to individual \$500.00 scholarships for one applicant chosen yearly. The day will include a double elimination bocce tournament.

Sign up with a team of four or individually and be placed on a team. There will be raffles during the day, BBQ and snacks for purchase and BYOB. Let's gather together and have some fun as we remember Joe and raise funds for our WHS student baseball athletes.

- Tournament Rules**
1. Start time for game 1: 10:00am, park in Jack's driveway or at 4th of July parking lot, no street parking
 2. Arrive early but never late!
 3. BYOB
 4. Toast for Joe Gillis at 12:00
 5. Bring cash for raffle tickets to win the following: IRobot Rumba; Three 99 Restaurant gift cards; Tremezzo gift card; The Jewelry Vault gift card; Sports Memorabilia; Round of Golf at Hillview CC North Reading; Basket of wine & scratch ticket.
 6. Winner's games to 12 points and Losers games

7. Hamburgers & hot-dogs for cash donation
8. Have Fun raising funds for WHS baseball student athletes!
9. Toast Joe!

Masks Mandate

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Last Tuesday, the WHS Girls Soccer program took part in the Wilmington Rotary Club's annual Ice Bucket Challenge. The group includes front row from left: Julia Gray, Kaitlyn Maguire, Audrey Curdo, Katrina Riekstins, Alyssa Granara, Emily Grace, Ali Ganley, Eleanor Ragsdale and Kyra Turner; second row from left, Katelin Hally, Anabelle Cook, Ashley Mercier, Quinn Proulx, Amanda Broussard, Maya Mulas, Madi Mulas, Sofia Barletta, Kali Almeida, Olivia Spizuoco, Jessica Collins, Jill Collins, Callie McCauley, Nicole Morello, Lauren Parr and Molly MacDonald. (photo by BruceHilliard.com).

Wilmington High School Fall Varsity Sports Schedules

Below are the WHS Fall Varsity Sports Team Schedules. Please be advised that these will change daily, so log onto www.wpsk12.com/athletics to stay up to date.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	9/10	at Woburn	7:00 pm
Fri	9/17	at Gr. Lowell	7:00 pm
Fri	9/24	vs Billerica	6:00 pm
Fri	10/1	vs Melrose	6:00 pm
Fri	10/8	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Fri	10/15	vs Burlington	6:00 pm
Fri	10/22	at Stoneham	6:30 pm
Fri	10/29	vs Wakefield	6:00 pm
3 weeks of MIAA Playoffs			TBA
Thurs 11/25		vs Tewksbury	10:00 am

All home games to be held at Alumni Stadium

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thurs	9/9	at Belmont	4:00 pm
Mon	9/13	vs Reading	4:00 pm
Wed	9/15	vs Tewksbury	4:00 pm
Fri	9/17	at Winchester	4:15 pm
Tues	9/21	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Thurs	9/23	at Wakefield	4:00 pm
Mon	9/27	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Wed	9/29	vs Watertown	3:45 pm
Fri	10/1	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Tues	10/5	vs Arlington	4:00 pm
Thurs	10/7	at Lexington	4:00 pm
Mon	10/11	vs Woburn	9:00 am
Tues	10/12	at Tewksbury	7:15 pm
Thurs	10/14	vs Burlington	6:00 pm
Tues	10/19	vs Wakefield	4:00 pm
Thurs	10/21	at Stoneham	4:00 pm
Mon	10/25	at Watertown	4:00 pm
Wed	10/27	vs Melrose	4:00 pm

All home games to be held at Alumni Stadium

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	9/10	vs Belmont	4:00 pm*
Mon	9/13	at Reading	4:00 pm
Wed	9/15	at Tewksbury	3:45 pm
Fri	9/17	vs Winchester	4:00 pm*
Wed	9/22	vs Burlington	6:00 pm
Tues	9/28	at Stoneham	4:00 pm
Thurs	9/30	at Watertown	4:00 pm
Wed	10/6	vs Melrose	6:00 pm
Fri	10/8	at Arlington	4:00 pm
Mon	10/11	vs Lexington	12:15 pm*
Wed	10/13	at Woburn	4:00 pm
Sat	10/16	vs Wakefield	10:00 am
Mon	10/18	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Wed	10/20	at Wakefield	6:00 pm
Fri	10/22	vs Stoneham	4:00 pm
Tues	10/26	vs Watertown	4:00 pm
Thurs	10/28	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Sat	10/30	at Billerica	11:00 am

All home games will be held at Alumni Stadium with the exception of (*) games which will be held at the North Intermediate School Field.

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	9/10	at Belmont	4:00 pm
Tues	9/14	vs Reading	4:00 pm
Sat	9/18	at Winchester	10:00 am
Mon	9/20	vs Tewksbury	4:00 pm
Wed	9/22	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Fri	9/24	at Wakefield	6:00 pm
Tues	9/28	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Thurs	9/30	vs Watertown	6:00 pm
Wed	10/6	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Fri	10/8	vs Arlington	4:00 pm
Mon	10/11	at Lexington	10:00 am
Wed	10/13	vs Woburn	4:00 pm
Mon	10/18	vs Burlington	4:00 pm
Wed	10/20	vs Wakefield	4:00 pm
Sat	10/23	at Stoneham	7:00 pm
Tues	10/26	at Watertown	4:00 pm
Thurs	10/28	vs Melrose	4:00 pm
Sat	10/30	vs North Reading	10:00 am

All home games to be held at Alumni Stadium

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	9/10	at Tewksbury	5:30 pm
Mon	9/13	vs Reading	5:30 pm
Wed	9/15	at Winchester	5:15 pm
Sat	9/18	at Burlington	10:00 am
Tues	9/21	at Wakefield	6:30 pm
Thurs	9/23	vs Stoneham	5:30 pm
Mon	9/27	vs Watertown	5:30 pm
Wed	9/29	at Melrose	5:30 pm
Tues	10/5	vs Arlington	5:30 pm
Thurs	10/7	at Lexington	5:15 pm
Tues	10/12	vs Woburn	5:30 pm
Thurs	10/14	vs Burlington	5:30 pm
Tues	10/19	vs Wakefield	5:30 pm
Thurs	10/21	at Stoneham	5:30 pm
Mon	10/25	at Watertown	5:30 pm
Wed	10/27	vs Melrose	5:30 pm
Fri	10/29	vs Tewksbury	5:30 pm

All home matches to be held at Cushing Memorial Gymnasium

BOYS/GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Tues	9/21	vs Arlington	4:00 pm
Sat	9/25	at Kelley Invite	TBA
Tues	9/28	at Wakefield	4:00 pm
Tues	10/5	vs Watertown	4:00 pm
Wed	10/13	at Stoneham	4:00 pm
Fri	10/15	Twilight Invite	TBA
Thurs	10/22	vs Burlington	4:00 pm
Tues	10/26	at Melrose	4:00 pm

All home meets to be held at WHS.

CO-ED GOLF -- TBA



Tewksbury Police Log

Following incident, man arrested for OUI drugs

Monday, August 23

1:59 p.m. - Police were returning with one female under arrest at Marriott Towne Place Suites. Kiara Bates, 26, of 13 Meadow Lane in Bridgewater, was arrested and charged with a warrant from Brockton District.

5:20 p.m. - The caller and her two-year old were chased by a neighbor's dog and would like to press charges against the owner at Ames Hill Drive. Police and Animal Control sent. Police reported there was no animal attack and Animal Control were to follow up.

6 p.m. - Caller reported blue SUV drove southbound on route 38 on two rims at Wamesit Lanes. No vehicle description was available. Called in by a passerby. Police sent but gone on arrival.

6:03 p.m. - Walk-in party reported a suspicious vehicle "creeped through" the cemetery at Tewksbury Cemetery. Police sent. Police checked the area and were unable to locate the

vehicle.

Tuesday, August 24

8:46 a.m. - Call for an unwanted party at Extended Stay America. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

12:22 p.m. - Police called in an argument at Smith Street and Regina S Drive. Police sent. Officer spoke to the parties and the report was to follow.

Wednesday, August 25

5:23 a.m. - Surveillance company called in to report suspicious dark grey SUV parked out back at Atamian Honda and turned its lights off. Police sent. Surveillance company reported vehicle left site hours ago and it was secure.

8:03 a.m. - Two people had sex in a grey Mercedes at Livingston Street. Police sent. The vehicle was unoccupied and all units cleared.

1:40 p.m. - A suspicious male walked through the caller's backyard at Ken-

sington Way. Police sent. They confirmed the male party worked for the police association. All units cleared.

3:14 p.m. - Caller reported one of the dementia patients being aggressive toward another party at Blaire House. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:04 p.m. - Call for a noise complaint on Main Street. Police sent. They found the source of the noise. It was a young man working on his car at the house next door. He would be turning it down.

Thursday, August 26

12:29 p.m. - Caller requested an officer respond to Lowe Street and speak with his wife regarding suspicious activity she saw on their camera. Police sent. A jogger left an old pair of tennis shoes at the base of her driveway while jogging by and wanted the incident documented. Officer filed a report.

5:14 p.m. - Caller reported two juveniles on scooters

traveling in the roadway and repeatedly stopped traffic at Marriot Residence Inn. Caller last saw them pull into the Wendy's. Police sent. They spoke with the two parties on scooters.

6:48 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a female party passed out behind the wheel with the vehicle running and the doors were locked at Marshalls. Police and ambulance sent. They were out with the party and the patient refused to be checked out.

Friday, August 27

4:35 a.m. - Employee at Mobil Tewksbury reported a suspicious vehicle parked behind their store. Police sent. Operator was there to find a place to sleep to stay awake from neighbors.

6:35 a.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 to serve a warrant. Jack Jannings, 27, of 50 Ware St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for probation warrant.

6:56 a.m. - Police out at

Motel 6 to serve a warrant. Robert Dupont, 45, of 382 Bridge St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery with dangerous weapon.

Saturday, August 28

12:19 a.m. - Caller reported she believed she witnessed something suspicious at Knights of Columbus between three vehicles. Police sent. The vehicles were gone on arrival.

1:01 a.m. - Caller reported individuals have gone back outside and started playing music again at Holiday Inn. Police sent. The music had been turned off and they were going in for the night.

11:42 a.m. - Caller stated female party cashed stolen check for \$3,500 at Citizen Bank. Police sent. Stephanie Vigilante, 37, of 889 Harrison Ave. in Boston, was arrested and charged with utter false check, larceny over \$1,200, forgery of check, identity fraud, and receive stolen credit card.

12:19 p.m. - A 911 caller reported there was a male party in the parking lot that just struck another vehicle with his car at Ocean State Job Lot. He also hit a bunch of carriages. The party in

question was now inside the store. Police sent. Paul Bishop, 34, of 98 Smith St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI drugs, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, and possess class C drugs.

9:40 p.m. - A 911 call for a two car motor vehicle accident at Home Depot. Police sent. Adailton Vilarino Dos Anjos, 39, of 34 Royal Crest Drive in North Andover, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and possession open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

10:34 p.m. - A 911 call for the Berkeley Street for a car that had its windshield smashed in by a golf club. Police sent. Charles Popiano, 35, of 1005 Main St. in Stoneham, was arrested and charged with malicious damage to motor vehicle.

Sunday, August 29

12:42 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an intoxicated male party in front of her house at Shawsheen Street. Kevin Hunter, 31, of 8 Hallmark Gardens in Burlington was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.



Wilmington Police Log

Wilmington man arrested for OUI liquor, speeding

Thursday, August 19

3:16 a.m.: Kevin M. Balou of 1301 Pouliot Pl. in Wilmington was arrested for OUI - Liquor, Failure to Stop/Yield, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation. His grey 1998 Dodge Ram 1500 was stopped and towed from Main Street and Cross Street. Bail was set at \$190.

8:57 a.m.: A one-car motor vehicle collision reportedly occurred on the I-93 Northbound on-ramp at Exit 31. The car crashed into the guardrail and the state police were notified, however, authorities were unable to locate the vehicle.

6:07 p.m.: A caller reported that two male parties were walking around an abandoned house while their green 2005 Toyota Prius was parked nearby on Stafford Street. The men stated their mother had been given permission by the previous owner to remove wood and rocks from the property, but this could not be verified. The new property owner was contacted and requested they stay off his property.

Friday, August 20

6:33 a.m.: A caller reported that a downed tree was creating a road hazard on Hopkins Street. The tree took down power and cable lines, which were lying across a black 2020 Honda CR-V pinned by the tree. Reading Municipal Light Department and Verizon were notified and the area was finally cleared and the road reopened.

2:27 p.m.: An anonymous caller reported a four-wheeler was being operated in the vicinity of Grace

Drive with a small child on it. Police found the child was actually on a Power Wheels toy, causing no issue.

3:14 p.m.: Police assisted North Reading police in locating a male party on foot near Salem Street. The party was wanted for Domestic Assault and Battery/Strangulation. North Reading police eventually got the man in custody.

Saturday, August 21

1:53 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on Glen Road when a female party who was walking her dog was followed by a white 2015 Honda sedan with dark windows. A tall man got out of the car as she approached her house before driving off down Glen Road toward Middlesex Avenue as she entered. Police spoke to the reporting party and located a vehicle matching the description, but the operator was found to be all right.

4:52 p.m.: Police received a 911 open line with a possible argument in the background when a female party realized she'd dialed 911 and hung up. Police attempted to call back three times with no answer. Authorities later found that there was a birthday party going on and the female party was aggravated that police showed up at her residence.

Sunday, August 22

12:16 a.m.: A caller reported unruly customers in the drive-thru at Simard's on Main Street. A party got out of a yellow 2004 Toyota Highlander in the drive-thru, then got back in and began swearing at the caller and other employees. Police spoke with the manager and advised him of his options, referencing a tres-

pass order.

6:34 a.m.: Devante Devell Degree of 305 Nesmith Street in Lowell was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation. The red 2008 Honda CR-V was towed from Speedway on Main Street.

Monday, August 23

7:05 a.m.: The Department of Public Works reported vandalism damage had occurred in the field of the Woburn Street School on Woburn Street.

8:25 a.m.: On Upton Drive, catalytic converters were taken off two white box trucks in a lot there.

1:54 p.m.: A manager on Main Street wished to file a trespass order against a male party who was seen on security footage taking sunglasses. The manager was instructed on the procedure to acquire the order.

2:51 p.m.: A group of teenagers were creating a disturbance inside the Dollar Tree store on Main Street. The group left the store and went to Panera, where police spoke with the youths, advising them.

Tuesday, August 24

9:53 a.m.: Multiple calls were received about an elderly man walking down the middle of the road on the yellow line at Main Street and Burlington Avenue. The man was seen walking down Route 62 toward Burlington and finally into the Metro complex. Police located the man and found the situation under control.

10:25 a.m.: A caller on

were notified. A mailbox was also damaged.

Wednesday, August 25

3:32 p.m.: A deceased woodchuck was removed from Woburn Street.

5:08 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Salem Street between a black 1991 Jeep Wrangler and a gray 2020 Kia Telluride where the Jeep rear ended the Kia. No injuries were reported and no airbags were deployed.

Thursday, August 26

6:32 a.m.: A teacher at The Learning Experience on Main Street went to open the school for the day and stated it looked like someone had been sleeping outside overnight. Personal belongings such as a backpack, sneakers, cigarettes and a pipe were found. An electrical outlet box had also been broken into which

a charger was plugged, causing damage. Following this, Patrick T. Duvall of 234 Nesmith St., Apartment #5 in Lowell was summoned for Malicious Destruction of Property under \$1,200.

2:55 p.m.: Police reported approximately 50 people were swimming at the Town Beach on Burnap Street. The "No Swimming" sign had been torn down and folded in half. Police spoke with the Board of Health who confirmed the no swimming advisory is still in place.

5:32 p.m.: A caller reported a transformer fire and live wire down on a resident's porch on Miller Road. The fire department responded as did Reading Municipal Light Department, causing the road to be shut down. Another line in the backyard of 133 Glen Road was also checked out.

OBITUARIES

Walter J. Kaminski

Served in the Air Force during the Korean War

Walter J. Kaminski, age 92, passed away peacefully on Aug. 22, 2021.

Kaminski was born on May 17, 1929 in Bridgeport, CT. He was the

son of the late John L. Kaminski and the late Wilma S. (Merva) Kaminski.

He attended Fairfield University in Connecticut where he earned a BBA degree and was a member of the first graduating class of 1951.

During the Korean War, he served in the United States Air Force Headquarters Command, with the Auditor General Staff.

He joined the Avco Systems Division in Stratford CT, which relocated to Wilmington and is now part of the Tectron Corporation. He retired after 32 years with them, serving in the financial area.

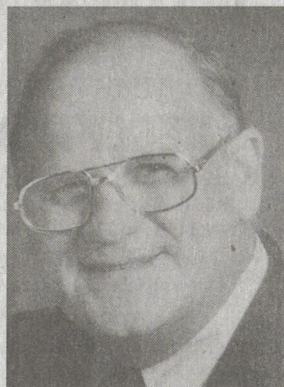
He was a believer in community service and served with the Boy Scouts for over 10 years

and was awarded the Silver Beaver Medal for his service. He also served the Town of Wilmington as a member of the Finance Committee for 15 years.

He was a member of the Rotary Club of Wilmington and a Paul Harris Fellow. Additionally, he was a member of the Polish American Veterans, Dom Polski and the Senior Group of the Holy Trinity Church, all of Lowell.

Walter was the husband of the late Evelyn A. (Takores) Kaminski and is survived by his loving family, a son James F. Kaminski and his wife Marianne of Albuquerque, NM, a son Col. Michael S. Kaminski and his wife Sharon of Dunbarton, NH, a son John W. Kaminski and his wife Donna of Holly Lake Ranch, TX and daughter Lisa A. Kaminski of Holly Lake Ranch, TX.

He is also survived by his two sisters, Dolores



M. Kaminski of Seymour, CT and Phyllis A. Coppola and husband Biagio, of Shelton, CT.

He was a grandfather to Carl R. and Alice K., children of James; Stacie Y., Stephen W., and Alexander M., children of Michael, and a great-grandfather.

He was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Church and memorial donations in his name can be sent to the Holy Trinity Polish Church, 340 High Street, Lowell, MA 01852.

David J. Webster

Loved audio/visual and photography work

David J. Webster, age 85, passed away from congestive heart failure on Aug. 20, 2021, in Wilmington.

David is survived by his nieces and nephews: George Webster V, Catherine (Robert) Brown, Marie (Christian) Perhay, and Michael Webster; his great-nieces: Amber (Chad) Norpel, Jessica (Steven) Schmitz, and Melanie (Ryan) Si-

mon; and his great-great-nieces: Olivia Norpel and Hazel Schmitz.

He is preceded in death by his parents George Webster III and Adeline Beaver Webster of Milwaukee, WI and his brother, George Webster IV of La Crosse, WI.

David was born on March 17, 1936 in Milwaukee, WI, attended Catholic schools, and grew-up in Milwaukee.

Hobbies led him to work he enjoyed most: anything having to do with audio/visual and photography.

David moved east, to the Boston area, where he lived a peaceful, private life. David will be missed by his close friends and family.

Mr. Webster's wishes were to be cremated and placed quietly in the Wilmington Cemetery.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice of Planning Board Hearing
 Relative to
 Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments
 Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws, as submitted for the October 5, 2021 Special Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: **Town of Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury and view live through the televised cable channels, Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 33**
 Date: **Monday, September 13, 2021**
 Time: **7:05 p.m.**

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 8300, to update the Groundwater Protection District including institutional controls as part of the Town's compliance with the Consent Decree regarding the Sutton Brook Disposal Area as recommended by the U.S. EPA and MassDEP.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Map to include a Groundwater Protection SBDA Buffer Zone and Groundwater Protection SBDA Plume Area at Sutton Brook Disposal Area.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
 Stephen Johnson, Chair
 211006 8/25, 9/1/21

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE
 GENERAL TOWN BY-LAWS, CHAPTER 3.12, SECTION 3.12.010
 AND M.G.L. Chapter 30B

The Town of Tewksbury will be accepting sealed Bids for the sale of vacant Town property. As outlined in each parcel's Land Sale Request for Proposals, direct abutters will be given preference for certain parcels in accordance with the Town General By-Laws, Chapter 3.12 Section 3.12.10. In other cases, parcels will be an open sale in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Condition of award will be based upon highest price above the minimum sale price for the parcel and meet the minimum criteria and conditions outlined with the Land Sale Request for Proposals. Bids will be for individual parcels located as follows:

Mississippi Road (Assessor's Map 81 Lot 97)	Portland Street (Assessor's Map 48 Lot 61)
New York Road (Assessor's Map 81 Lot 169)	Washington Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 27)
New York Road (Assessor's Map 81 Lot 173)	Washington Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 9)
Maryland Road (Assessor's Map 81 Lot 202)	Washington Street (Assessor's Map 48 Lot 68)
Hillman Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 14)	Clinton Street (Assessor's Map 48 Lot 58)
Hillman Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 15)	Rockland Street (Assessor's Map 34 Lot 30)
Portland Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 16)	Rockland Street (Assessor's Map 34 Lot 26)
Portland Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 17)	David Street (Assessor's Map 101 Lot 17)
Portland Street (Assessor's Map 49 Lot 21)	Woodside Terrace (Assessor's Map 85 Lot 71)

Bids for each parcel will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876; and at the time and place specified below; the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Date of Sale: Tuesday, September 21, 2021; Time of Sale: 1:00PM; Place of Sale: Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876. For information and for Land Sale Proposals pertaining to each parcel's bid, please contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-640-4300. Bids will be awarded within 90 days of the bid opening. The Town of Tewksbury reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

211013 8/25, 9/1/21

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
 DEPARTMENT OF
 PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts Shade Tree Act (MGL Chapter 87, S.3 as amended) the Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. for objections, if any, to the removal of (1) Public Shade Tree. The location of the Public Hearing will be at the Department of Public Works Building located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury.

The tree posted for removal is located at: 313 Marston Street
 Species: White Pine
 Size: 24" Diameter Breast Height
 Brian Gilbert,
 Tewksbury Tree Warden
 211042 9/1, 8/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
 PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Peter Conlin and Donna Dmuchowski** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2 Kingfisher Road**, Assessor's Map 110, Lot 17, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
 210993 8/25, 9/1/21



LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
 PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Philip Schreffler on behalf of Robert Lukas** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **45 Ninth Street**, Assessor's Map 83, Lot 110, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
 210943 8/25, 9/1/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
 PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Tewksbury Funeral Home LLC** for a Special Permit for various site improvements including a parking lot, landscaping, and minor building addition as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **967 & 975 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 47, Lots 74 & 75, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
 210944 8/25, 9/1/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
 PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Lisa Small** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **5 Florence Avenue**, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 192, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
 211030 8/25, 9/1/21

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Five students accepted into College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates 822 new Crusaders who will be starting at the College in fall 2021. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2025:

- Madison Guy of Wilmington
- Parker Howlett of Wilmington
- Iris Diaz-Archilla of Tewksbury
- Abigail Hayes of Tewksbury
- Erin Sands of Tewksbury

The Class of 2025 includes students from 33 states and 15 nations across the globe. This year's incoming class is made up of 54 percent women and 46 percent men, with 23 percent of students coming from ethnically diverse backgrounds and 16 percent

as proud first-generation college students.

These newly minted Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

The new Crusaders will arrive on campus and move into the residence halls starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, where they will be welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes are set to begin Monday, Sept. 6.

"I am thrilled to welcome Holy Cross' Class of 2025 — a vibrant and diverse group of exceptional students who are also one of the most academically accomplished classes in the College's history.

I can't wait to see what you do and how you will grow ethically, spiritually and intellectually on The Hill," said Holy Cross President Vincent Rougeau.

About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

Three students make Dean's List at Simmons University

BOSTON — The following local residents were named to the 2021 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- Liann Gregory, Tewksbury resident
- Julia Hartnett, Tewksbury resident
- Gianna Petrucci, Wilmington resident

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

About Simmons University

Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering more than 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science.

Founded in 1899, Simmons has established a model of higher education that other colleges

and universities are only recently beginning to adapt: the combination of education for leadership in high-demand professional fields with the intellectual foundation of the liberal arts.

The result is a Simmons graduate prepared not only to work, but to lead in professional, civic, and personal life — a vision of empowerment that Simmons calls preparation for life's work.

Follow Simmons on Twitter at @SimmonsUniv, and on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/school/simmons-university/>

Five students make Dean's List at Rochester Institute

ROCHESTER, NY — Spencer Maffei of Wilmington was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2021 Spring Semester. Maffei is in the computer science program.

Others making the Dean's List include:

- Ben Froment of Tewksbury, who is in the computer science program.
- Jimmy Petrocchi of Tewksbury, who is in the mechanical engineering program.
- Paige Norris of Tewksbury, who is in the biology program.

gy program.

- Robert Blodgett of Tewksbury, who is in the supply chain management program.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 18,600 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

For news, photos and videos, go to www.rit.edu/news.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 14, 2021 at 8:40 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #21-15, Stormwater Management Permit #21-12, plan entitled, "Non-Residential Site Plan, Shriners Auditorium, Tax Map 99 Lot 135, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated August 16, 2021; prepared by Brenton Cole, P.E., Granite Engineering, 150 Dow Street, Tower 2, Suite 421, Manchester, NH 03101. The application is for the redevelopment of 6 acres of the 62 acre property to create a parking facility with 246 parking spaces. Said property is located at 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 135.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.
Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
211017 8/25, 9/1/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 14, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #21-14 and Stormwater Management Permit #21-11, plan entitled, "Parking Lot Expansion, 841 Woburn Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated August 13, 2021; prepared by Andrew Pojasek, P.E.; Dana F. Perkins, Inc., 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. The application is for a parking lot expansion. Said property is located at 841 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 37 Parcel 8.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Michael Sorrentino, Chair
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 14, 2021 at 8:10 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #21-12, plan entitled, "Site Plan, 442 Main Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated August 6, 2021; prepared by Luke Roy, P.E.; LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864. The application is for a change in use and restriping of required parking spaces. Said property is located at 442 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 41 Parcel 111.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P2106EA

Estate of: Colleen Pawelczyk
Also known as:
Colleen Elizabeth Pawelczyk
Date of Death: 07/26/2020

A Petition for S/A — Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James Marcone of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: James Marcone of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by F. Jean MacDonald to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated July 20, 2005 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19033, Page 36 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on September 15, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 140 Andover Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

That certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings and other improvements thereon, located in the Town of Wilmington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts as shown, laid out, and designated as Lot 1A on that certain plan of land entitled: "PLAN OF LAND IN WILMINGTON, MA OWNED BY: BIGELOW REALTY TRUST & KEVIN MacDonald SCALE 1"=40' JUNE 1, 1995" as prepared by K.J. Miller Company, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 106 West Street, Wilmington, Mass., which said plan is filed with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 188, Plan 150, exempting therefrom that portion of an unnumbered lot containing 9,135 S.F., as shown on a plan of land entitled: "AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF 'TREASURE HILL' WILMINGTON, MA OWNER: KEVIN MACDONALD & BIGELOW REALTY TRUST 140 ANDOVER ST. WILMINGTON, MA APRIL 1, 1993 SCALE 1" = 40' ", as prepared by K.J. Miller Company, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 106 West Street, Wilmington, Mass, and filed with said Registry at Plan Book 186, Plan 106, said unnumbered lot is a portion of a lot formerly identified as Lot 11A, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN 'TREASURE HILL' IN WILMINGTON, MA SCALE 1"=40' AUGUST 23, 1991

assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Taylor, Robert G., 15-024438 210975 8/18/25, 9/1/21

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Taylor, Robert G., 15-024438 210975 8/18/25, 9/1/21

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert G. Taylor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., dated January 9, 2007 and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20885, Page 239 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated July 16, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 27498, Page 256, and Assignment from Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated December 21, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 33686, Page 43, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 266 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 15, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land in said Wilmington, with the buildings and improvements thereon now known and numbered as 266 Lowell Street, being shown as Lot A on a plan entitled "Plan of Lot in Wilmington surveyed for Charles H. Strout and Myron E. Wing, et al, August 30, 1951, H. Kingman Abbott, Reg. Surveyor, Reading", recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by Lowell Street as shown on said plan, 114.59 feet;

EASTERLY: by Lot B as shown on said plan, 218.43 feet; NORTHERLY by other land, now or formerly of Charles H. Strout, Myron E. Wing and Raymond A. May, Jr., 96.10 feet; and WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Marsh, as shown on said-plan, 220 feet.

Containing, according to said plan, 22,979 square feet of land, more or less.

For title reference see deed recorded with Middlesex County, Northern District Registry of Deeds as Book 13243, Page 058.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13243, Page 58.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal as-

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 14, 2021 at 8:20 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #21-13, Stormwater Management Permit #21-10 and Section 6.6.7.7 Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #21-04, plan entitled, "Site Plan in Wilmington, Mass.", dated July 13, 2021; prepared by Peter J. Ogren, P.E., Hayes Engineering, 603 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. The application is for the redevelopment of the site to accommodate a granite storage and sales yard facility with office building. Said property is located at 154-156 West Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 56 Parcels 1 & 2.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
211015 8/25, 9/1/21

OWNER: KEVIN MACDONALD 140 ANDOVER ST. WILMINGTON, MA", as prepared by K.J. Miller Company, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 106 West Street, Wilmington, Mass, and filed with said Registry at Plan Book 187, Plan 102. Being part of the same premises conveyed to Borrower by Deed recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 13910, Page 41.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13910, Page 41.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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2018 Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid SE

Blue
28K miles
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OBITUARIES

John F. Banks

Worked in the printing dept. at Harvard

John F. Banks, age 57, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Aug. 25, 2021 following a courageous battle with cancer.

John was born on May 21, 1964, in Cambridge; he was the cherished son of Eileen (Cunningham) Banks and the late Frederick Banks. John grew up in Wilmington and graduated from the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School in 1983.

Following graduation, John went to work in the printing department at Harvard University. There he worked with his father and brother for more than 20 years.

After Harvard, John held several positions before settling at Blue Reserve, where he installed water systems. A very dedicated employee, he loved this job and the people he worked with; John made many friends with co-workers and customers.

John married his wife, Patricia A. (Murphy) Banks, in 1995. They purchased their home in Wilmington, where they had many wonderful times together. John was happy to find a home in the town he grew up in, and to be able to stay close to family.

John loved the outdoors; he enjoyed snowmobiling and ATV-ing with Patricia and friends in Vermont and

Maine. One of his favorite activities was fishing; he was an avid saltwater and freshwater fisherman.

John loved spending the summers on his boat on Sebago Lake, ME. The friends he and Patricia made at their marina were like family to them. He enjoyed waterskiing and wakeboarding and showing family members "how it's done."

John was a natural at any sport; he learned how to snowboard, rollerblade, ski, and kayak on his own. His motto to any activity was, "just do it." John also had an interest in gardening, and proved to have quite a green thumb.

In his spare time, John loved to travel; his favorite trips were to Ireland. John and Patricia also loved to travel to the west coast of Florida; they have many memories of the trips they took and friends they made along the way.

John will be remembered for his "big heart." He would help anyone in need and expected nothing in return. John also made sure he did his weekly "check-ins" with family, usually with a cup of tea or two! John lived his life to the fullest and had a lot of fun times throughout his many adventures. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

John was the beloved husband of Patricia A.

(Murphy) Banks, cherished son of Eileen (Cunningham) Banks and the late Frederick Banks of Wilmington, dear brother of Colleen Parsons and her husband Allen of NJ and Paul Banks of Wilmington, brother-in-law of Joan and Greg Nazzaro, Nancy and Dan Ober, and Dan and Nancy Murphy, loving uncle of Kerry and Mason Smith, Kevin and Sammi Parsons, Benjamin Banks, Jennifer and Rachael Nazzaro, Laura and John Malone, Rebecca and Mike Daniels, Paul Ober, Brendan Murphy, and Ryan Murphy.

John is also survived by many great nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA at 10 a.m. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Friday, Aug. 27 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

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Joseph F. 'Joe' Duffy

Wilmington police sergeant, Air Force veteran

Joseph F. "Joe" Duffy, Ret. Sgt. Wilmington Police Department, age 86, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Aug. 29, 2021.

Joe was born in Newton, on July 20, 1935; he was the dear son of the late Charles and Mary Duffy. As a young boy, Joe moved to Wilmington with his family when they bought their family farm on Aldrich Road. Joe along with his brothers worked on the farm, played sports and attended Wilmington schools. Joe graduated Wilmington High School with the Class of 1954.

Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force on Oct. 8, 1954, during the Korean Conflict; he was assigned to the 4238th Field Maintenance Squadron. Joe actively served for the next four years earning his way up the ranks from Private to Sergeant.

In October of 1958, Joe was honorably discharged from active duty and immediately was assigned to the Air Force Reserves. While serving in the Reserves, Joe was again assigned to active duty during the Vietnam War for a period of time before being honorably discharged to his Reserve obligation.

Joe continued serving our country for many years in the Reserves when in 1990 he was again called to active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Storm; once again putting the needs of our country before his own.

During his time in the Air Force, Joe amassed many commendations, medals and ribbons for his fine service. He worked his way up the ranks and when he retired from his reserve duty in 1992, following 38 years of service to our country, Joe earned the title of Chief Master Sergeant, something his whole family was proud of. Joe always showed his courage and patriotism whenever and wherever he was called to duty.

While home on leave during one tour, Joe married the "love of his life" Margaret "Peggy" DeFelice; the couple settled in their hometown of Wilmington and raised three wonderful children: Donna, Diane and Joe Jr. or "J" as he was nicknamed.

Joe and Peggy loved their children unconditionally and looked forward to the times they spent together. They loved to spend summers in Wolfeboro, NH or at the Tree Tops Campground in Alton Bay with extended family and always looked forward to their annual vacations to Cape Cod or Canada or wherever the kids wanted to go. These were some memorable times with their family and friends.

Joe was always involved in whatever his kids were doing; he attended countless school and sporting events and was a Wilmington Youth Hockey coach for many years.

In his later years, Joe was known as the "Best Grampie or Pop Pop" anyone could ask for. Joe looked forward to the times he spent with his grand-

children, he was their biggest fan and had a unique and special relationship with each one of them.

Joe worked hard to provide for his family and had an incredible work ethic. On Nov. 1, 1960, Joe was appointed as a special police officer with the Town of Wilmington; this appointment led to a long and successful career with the Wilmington Police Department.

Joe earned a permanent position and was sworn in on April 23, 1965; he earned his Sergeant stripes on Dec. 13, 1985 and retired from the police force on Aug. 18, 1995 following 35 years of dedicated service to the Town of Wilmington.

Joe went above and beyond during his tenure as a police officer; he not only provided safety throughout the community but got involved in community activities. For many years, Joe was seen at Silver Lake cooking for the annual Police Beach Day Cookout for the kids in town; this was a yearly event that so many kids looked forward to and a great time was had by all.

Joe also got involved with the Law Enforcement Task Force that provided security for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996 and then again at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002.

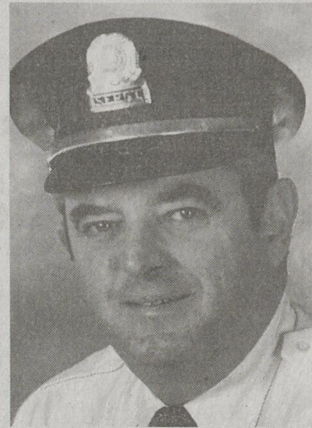
Throughout the years, Joe received commendations and letters for his fine service to the Wilmington Police Department, the community and the task forces that he was part of; he again put the needs of others before his own.

In his spare time, Joe enjoyed playing softball in the Town Park League for Charlies Auto Body or the Knights of Columbus. He loved following Boston sports and was an avid fan of the Sox, Bruins and Patriots.

Joe looked forward to his trips to Las Vegas to visit his daughter and her family and always found the time to head to a casino or two just to "try his luck."

Joe was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Croke Council in Wilmington, the V.F.W. and the Tewksbury/Wilmington Lodge of Elks; Joe enjoyed the camaraderie, he volunteered his time for community events and fundraisers and made countless friends throughout the years.

Joe looked forward to spending time with his fellow retired Air Force Chiefs for their monthly luncheons or their trips to Alaska or the Finger Lakes in New



York; these guys had a great time no matter what they were doing.

Joe will be fondly remembered as a "good guy" with an endearing personality and a warm smile. Joe always went out of his way to help others and was well loved by his family and friends who will forever miss him.

Joe was the beloved husband of the late Margaret M. "Peggy" (DeFelice) Duffy, devoted father of Donna Luce and her husband David of Las Vegas, NV, Diane Martin and her companion Tim Robarge of Wakefield, and Joseph F. "J" Duffy, Jr. and his wife Kristin of Wilmington.

Loving "Grampie & Pop Pop" to Ashlee and her husband Clint, Brandon and his wife Kim, Ronni and her husband Craig, Randee, Kevin and his wife Vanessa, Brett, Joanna and his great-grandchildren Willow, Caleb, Brooklyn, Nick, Alex, Lilly, Stephanie, Dante, Gianna and Natalia.

Dear son of the late Charles and Mary (Canney) Duffy, brother of the late James Duffy and the late Charles "Sonny" Duffy, Jr.

Joe is also survived by his sister-in-law Shirley DeFelice as well as his many nieces, nephews and their families.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial for Joe will be held on Friday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Family is requesting that Masks be worn while in the Funeral Home and in church please.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Joe's memory to the Local Heroes, Inc., P. O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887 or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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Lucy Castellano

Private mass held in Florida

Lucy Castellano, 82, of Marco Island, FL passed away on Aug. 21, 2021. She was a devoted and loving wife to the late Michael Castellano.

She was a beautiful, intelligent and loving mother and mother-in-law to Vincent, Margaret (Steve), Deborah (William), Michael (Theresa), Anthony, and Richard (Pauline).

She was also survived by many grandchildren, great

grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude <https://www.stjude.org/> would be appreciated. A private mass will be celebrated at San Marco Catholic Church.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home in Marco Island, FL. A private mass will be held at San Marco Catholic Church.



Ann M. (Morgan) Deechan

Funeral services were Tuesday

Ann M. (Morgan) Deechan, age 72, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 24, 2021.

Ann was the beloved wife of the late Thomas H. Deechan, Jr., devoted mother of Alison (Deechan) Hajj and her husband James of Methuen and Thomas H. Deechan III of Wilmington.

Loving "Nana" of Brooke

Gill, cherished daughter of the late John and Ann (DeAvilla) Morgan, dear sister of the late Diane Gentile and Arthur Morgan.

Ann is also survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law and her nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Aug. 30 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Ann's Funeral Service was held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. followed by her interment at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ann's memory to the Dana-Farber Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

Leo J. Santarlaschi

Served in the US Navy during Korean War

Leo J. Santarlaschi, age 89, died Wednesday at Lacey Hospital and Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Somerville, Feb. 20, 1932 a son of the late Vincent and Madeline (Browning) (Hart) Santarlaschi and lived in Somerville and Arlington before moving to Wilmington over 40 years ago.

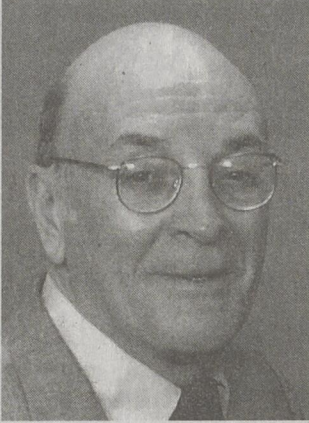
Leo proudly served in the US Navy during the Korean War and was a contract negotiator for the US Govt.

He is survived by many

nieces and nephews and was the brother of the late Al Santarlaschi, Bill Santarlaschi, Margaret Smith, and Muriel Bristol.

A Graveside Service will be held Tuesday at Oak Grove Cemetery, 230 Playstead Road, Medford, at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Crossroads, 8 Commerce Dr., #801, Atkinson, NH 03811 www.communitycrossroadsnh.org Arrangements under the care of the SWEENEY MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, Billerica

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Lifestyle

Ways to pack a healthy lunch for your child

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

This week brings the start of school for many communities. As students return to the classroom, many parents are faced with the problem of how to get their picky eaters to eat a healthy lunch when they go back to school.

While most school cafeterias offer several hot and cold daily lunch selections to provide a well balanced meal, many students still choose to "brown bag it," and the thought of how many uneaten sandwiches and apples end up at the bottom of the cafeteria's trash can is enough to make you lose your own appetite!

You are not alone in this dilemma of what to pack for lunch for the picky eater, as it is a problem in most households. Parents must struggle with creating a happy balance of offering a nutritious lunch that is appealing enough to get their child to actually eat it.

To break the curse of the uneaten lunch, you first need to break some old habits when it comes to making lunches for your family.

Avoid making lunch for the day during the morning rush. This is when many bad lunch choices may be made due to time con-

straints. Also avoid "the old stand by" menus.

Sure your child may love baloney sandwiches, but is anyone going to "love" any sandwich when they have it five days a week all school year (I will reference the cafeteria trash can again, the answer is NO)?

Start this school year off on the right foot by planning ahead. Take a few minutes during the week-end to plan lunch menus for the upcoming school week. This will give you plenty of time to shop accordingly and prepare in advance.

Dry ingredients, such as crackers or granola, can be portioned and bagged in advance for the week, thus saving time on those hectic week nights.

Although variety is the "spice of life," most children don't like a large variety of nutritious foods.

Creativity is your friend when it comes to planning healthy meals for your picky eater, so you may need to think outside of the typical lunch box.

Start with a "compartmental" lunch box. These are lunch boxes that have individual compartments for different types of food, and are readily available at big box retailers and online.

The "compartmental" lunch box will give your child a "Lunchable" experience without the high cost of the pre-packaged

Lunchable Brand lunch. They will get a similar, fun lunch experience while giving parents better control of the nutritional value of their child's lunch.

Compartment lunch containers will also help you to remember all the components that will create a balanced meal for your child.

Typical compartment lunches can consist of multi-grain crackers, turkey slices, cheddar cheese, almonds, raw vegetables, and dried fruit. However, the substitutions are endless to make a suitable compartment lunch that will fit your child's specific tastes and dietary needs.

Switch out crackers for pita bread triangles or bagel quarters.

Replace cheddar cheese with cream cheese or cottage cheese.

Meat choices can be replaced with other proteins like yogurt, hummus or hard boiled eggs.

If your child does not like dried fruits, offer a colorful selection of fresh fruits, like berries, peaches, or melons. A side of chocolate hazelnut spread for dipping can turn fruit into a dessert!

Granola, trail mix and pumpkin seeds can all add a salty, crunchy texture that will liven up any lunch.

Make fresh vegetables more appealing with a side of ranch dressing or pea-



nut butter for dipping. Celery and carrot sticks are fine, but try throwing in a few cucumbers, sugar snap peas, or cherry tomatoes just to mix it up.

Choose theme days like DIY Nacho Monday. Fill lunch compartments with multigrain tortilla chips, shredded cheese, diced turkey, chicken or ham, a side of salsa and fresh fruit.

Kids will love creating their own lunchbox pizza on Pizza Friday. Pack pita bread triangles, turkey pepperoni, string cheese and a side of pizza sauce. Add fresh fruit to jello for a sweet end of the week treat.

Another fun alternative to the boring sandwich is the Sandwich Kabob! Use popsicle sticks as skewers, and slide on pickle slices, whole grain bread cubes, ham or turkey and cheese cubes. Repeat the sequence on each stick (use two to four sticks depending on your child's appetite). Make accompanying Fruit

Kabobs using cubes of your child's favorite fruits.

Pasta salads are also a kid friendly, versatile choice for school lunch. They can be made well in advance and can be eaten cold. Many of your favorite pasta salad side dishes can be amped up to main course status simply by adding sliced veggies and sliced meat or hard boiled egg.

When packing your new and improved school lunch menus, remember many lunch foods will keep at room temperature, but be aware of those that will require to stay cool. These foods will include anything dairy, such as yogurt, cheese, milk, mayonnaise, and most meats and eggs. When packing these types of foods, be sure to use enough ice packs to keep your child's lunch cool for several hours.

Unlike the square, metal lunch boxes of yesteryear, today's lunch containers come in a multitude of thermal materials in a variety of colors, patterns,

and brand names that are conducive to keep food and drinks cold for hours.

As you embark on your new mission for a healthy lunchbox lunch, accept the fact that getting children to try new things is not always easy. Keep in mind most children are "visual" eaters, meaning if their lunch looks aesthetically pleasing, they may be more likely to try it. The use of fun shaped crackers and colorful foods can help, and don't beat yourself up if you throw in the occasional cookie as a treat.

This school year promises to be another challenging year for students as the ongoing pandemic persists, so don't sweat the small stuff. Picky eaters have been growing up into healthy adults for generations, so the odds are on your side that you and your family will survive the battle of the lunchbox.

Besides, summer vacation is just a short 181 school days away.

Peakbagging in the White Mountains of New Hampshire

By **ROSALYN IMPINK**
News Correspondent

As the weather turns cooler and more bearable, now is a great time to check out the beauty and color of northern New England. New Hampshire's White Mountains, millions of years old, contain more than 40 scalable peaks, including many 4,000 foot giants.

For decades, ambitious hikers have sought to conquer the White Mountains, which offer spectacular views of the fall foliage that has become famous the world over.

Experienced hikers often engage in the sport of "peakbagging," and the White Mountains — including the Presidential and Franconia Ranges — offer plenty of opportunity to get outdoors, explore the nature of New England, and "bag" some peaks along the way.

Peakbagging is the practice of reaching several summits in one trip, whether in a single day or over

the course of several days. Hikers often summit one peak, then cross along ridges between other mountains.

Though there is some debate among the hiking community as to whether or not peakbagging counts as "summiting" (rather than starting from the bottom of each mountain), there is no doubt that peakbagging allows visitors to cover significant ground and see more of the area.

As it can take nearly two hours to reach the White Mountains from the Merrimack Valley, travelers may find it worthwhile to string several summits together in one day.

One popular destination is a nine-mile loop connecting Franconia Ridge. Visitors may ascend on the three-mile Falling Waters Trail, which passes three spectacular waterfalls and the granite slab Shining Rock, before crossing into the alpine zone.

After reaching the top of



▲ An alpine view across the White Mountains from Mt. Lincoln. There are 48 mountains in the "4000 Footers Club." (Rosalyn Impink photos)

Little Mount Haystack, the trail joins up with the Appalachian Trail for a short distance, following the ridge to the summit of Mount Lincoln, then another mile to the summit of Mount Lafayette, the tallest of the group at 5,249 feet.

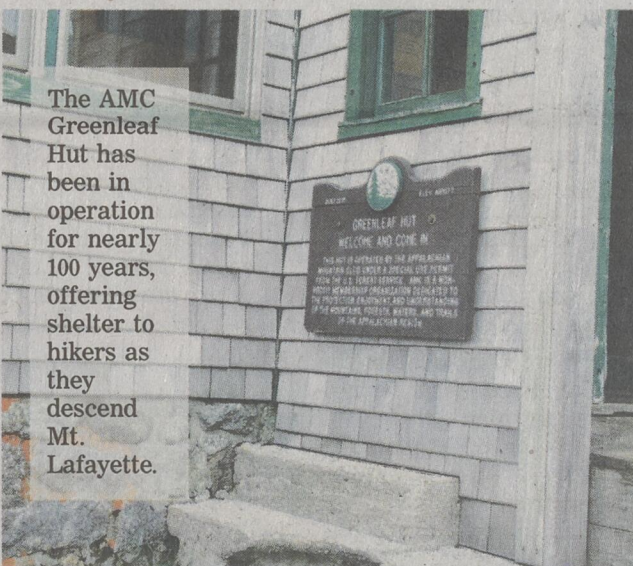
Crossing the ridge offers a 360-degree view of the White Mountains extending for many miles at any time of year in clear weather.

To descend from Lafayette, hikers may take the Greenleaf Trail to Old Bridle Path trail to return

to the parking lot. Visitors will pass by the Greenleaf Hut overlooking Eagle Lake, run by the Appalachian Mountain Club.

For a moderate fee, hikers can stay overnight in indoor bunkrooms and enjoy meals prepared by AMC staff; the AMC's commitment to sustainability is evident in the hut's use of solar power and composting toilets.

Peakbagging allows visitors to cover more ground and take different trails up and down, "bagging" more peaks than on a single sum-



mit trip. However, challenges can occur when the return trip takes hikers away from their cars; plan accordingly when setting out to avoid getting stranded.

As always, visitors need to take weather, daylight, and their own ability into account when choosing a route and preparing for a trip. The White Mountains can be challenging and unpredictable, making it necessary to dress in lay-

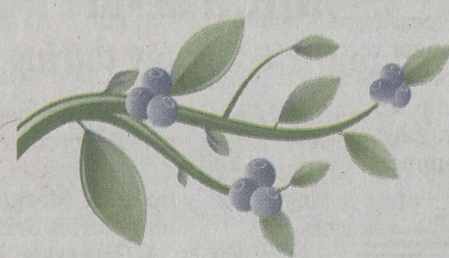
ers and carry adequate food and water.

However, tenacious hikers will be rewarded with sweeping vistas of the New England landscape.

The Lafayette Place trailhead is located off I-93 North in Franconia Notch just north of the Flume. For trail maps and park information, visit the Appalachian Mountain Club at outdoors.org or nhstateparks.org.

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Investigation finds four children abused at Wildwood Early Education Center in Wilmington

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday Aug. 23, the Wilmington Public School system shared the findings of their investigation into abuse accusations at a meeting. The investigation ultimately determined that three children this school year, and one child the previous school year, were abused.

Back in May, accusations came to light against a staff member at Wildwood Early Education Center in Wilmington. Parents alleged a staff member from the school was physically abusing students, with parents taking to social media to share their stories, with one detailing that their child was picked up from school with numerous bruises on his legs.

The district hired independent investigator Patrick Haney to investigate the abuse allegations in Room 7 of the Wildwood School during the 2020-21 school year. To create his

report, he conducted 35 interviews with parents, as well as reviewed records provided from Wilmington Public Schools, the Wilmington Police Department, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Department of Children and Families.

In Haney's 27-page report, he found that the children were "grabbed, held, and shoved" by the staff member.

Though the report maintains that the other educator working in Room 7 could not have plausibly not known about the abuse, there is no evidence they also took part in it.

Parents are seeking accountability, and question why the district's mandated reporters did not immediately report the abuse to the Department of Children and Families.

Wilmington Superintendent Glen Brand assured that the district plans to take action, primarily through the expansion of existing training methods. Rather than continue on with the current training



Wilmington's Shredding Day!

Shredding Day on the Wilmington Common. Bob DePalma, President WCF Dianna DiGregorio, volunteer Jared Parks, Kevin Bleier, and Joan Searfoss.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

HEMPSTEAD, NY — Colleen Fitzpatrick of Wilmington achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2021 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University.

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Fitzpatrick named to Provost's List at Hofstra

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ald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

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Middle School principal addresses locker situation at school

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ing fewer class time disruptions from students having to go back to their lockers and students being more prepared because they have everything with them already. She recognized that it will take work for students and teachers to adjust to this change.

The School Committee then voted in favor of the edited handbook after noting one small typo.

Director of Human Resources Andrea Stern-Armstrong was next invited to share staffing updates. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand established before she began that the problem WPS is seeing is universal across school

districts in the area.

Stern-Armstrong shared that she's seen a number of job changes come through her office recently ranging from transfers to resignations. While the transfers are happening between schools to fill other positions, they're opening new positions along with those being unoccupied from teachers and staff resigning or retiring. Plus there are scheduled leaves on top of all of the staff changing roles or leaving the school system.

She referenced eight educational assistant positions that are still open and 10 other staff recently hired. For some positions, she said that she's reaching out to temp agencies to fill them.

Plowman commented that it seemed worrisome to have so many educational assistant positions open, but Stern-Armstrong explained that these are mostly newer positions created for additional support. She also mentioned that the middle school has the largest number of openings at the moment.

Brand told the committee that some staff are leaving to pursue jobs in other communities, and that it's highly unusual for these positions to be open right now. He also said that it's uncommon for so many to be retiring or taking their tenure at this time of year.

Despite what the human resources director said, David Ragsdale recalled

being surprised last year that the district was continuously able to fill positions in the same environment.

Brand went on to share updates on two other positions in the school district. He named Rebecca Brown as the interim Coordinator of Health Services temporarily taking the spot of Doreen Crowe, who he said is moving to Arlington Public Schools.

"She brought an awful lot in her tenure to this community," he added. Ragsdale also thanked Crowe for the tremendous work that she's put forward and wished her well in the future.

Brand then mentioned that a candidate had been chosen as the joint SEEM

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion position between Wilmington, Melrose, Lynnfield, North Reading, Stoneham, and Woburn.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott delivered updates for the bullying prevention plan and staff opening day. She said that the changes made to the bullying prevention plan were mostly clerical. The final version of the plan is available on the district website.

Jay Samaha asked if she could specify what the changes were exactly. She mentioned adding the vision and the mission, changing some terminology, and adding specific curriculums and programs.

Plowman wondered how bullying and other types

of concerning conduct are tracked across the district.

Elliott finally gave the committee a run-down for the two professional development days for all staff to start the school year on Monday and Tuesday Aug. 30 and 31. They would attend a district-wide virtual meeting with Dr. Brand, learn how to use the Panorama platform and the playbook, and complete the ALICE training.

Staff will also have time set aside for IEP and 504 reviews and to set up their classrooms, both of which the committee members were glad to see.

The next School Committee meeting will be on Wednesday Sept. 8 at 7 p. m.

Schools to maximize physical distancing when possible

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masks back on instead of taking the whole lunch time as a mask break.

They'll be continuing the use of ventilation in all rooms 24/7 along with cleaning and disinfection as necessary, although it's no longer required to wipe shared surfaces.

While DESE hasn't offered a physical distancing recommendation, Brand said that they will be maximizing physical distance to the greatest extent possible while keeping all students in classrooms five full-time days a week.

He restated that remote learning won't count towards structured learning time this year. He also said that any activities will be allowed to take place outdoors, and recess will be back to normal.

Remote access may still be provided for some meetings and gatherings like Back to School Nights. Students and spectators will both have to wear masks indoors at sports events. Performing arts students will need to wear masks and use safety measures like bell covers.

In addition to following up with the Test-to-Stay program, he listed other next steps including reviewing all health-related protocols, collective bargaining with the Wilmington Teachers' Association, and monitoring additional developments with DESE and the Department of Public Health.

Melissa Plowman asked what learning will look like for students who have to quarantine while waiting for a COVID-19 test or who test positive. The su-

perintendent answered that the administration is in the process of figuring that out. His thinking was that it might be similar to the provision of work for when a child is ill.

It was his understanding that with the Test-to-Stay program, if someone is a close contact but asymptomatic, they don't have to quarantine. Ragsdale confirmed that this was the case.

Plowman followed up by asking what would happen for a child who's symptomatic but tests negative, or for one who is symptomatic but doesn't know if they're a close contact. Brand said that these were all questions that he would have to get back to them on, because he didn't know enough about the program or about what DESE would allow.

Jay Samaha wondered how the district would be paying for the program. Brand answered that it sounded so far like the state would pay for it, but he wasn't sure if there was anything that Wilmington would be expected to provide.

Jesse Fennelly asked how mask breaks would be put into the schedule. Brand replied that they haven't scheduled universal mask breaks across schools or grade levels, but decided to leave it to teachers to find opportune times during class. Students will also get to take off their masks during their snack breaks, which are about 10-15 minutes depending on the grade level.

He added that mask breaks should be something that building principals and nurses should be

mindful of and reminding staff to include throughout the day.

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, Sept. 1.

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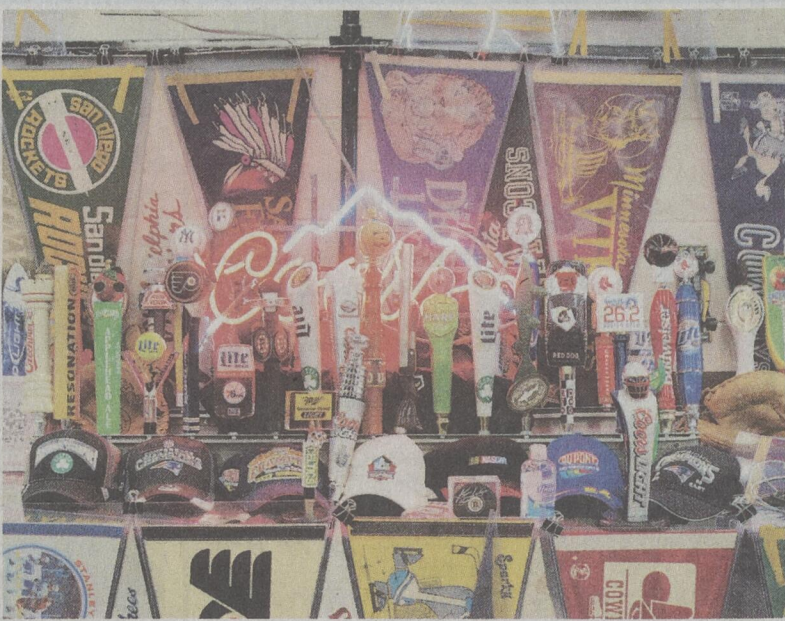
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Residents to decide who fills vacant seat on Board of Selectmen

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out a master plan update we're shooting from the hip. The master plan is the key to Wilmington's future."

Further information on Nelson's background and candidacy can be found at either his Facebook page, Elect Mark Nelson Select-

man 01887 2021, or via email at Nelson.Selectman@yahoo.com.

The polls will open at 8 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m., and locations for voters will vary based upon precinct.

Precincts one and two will be voting at the Boutwell School, located on 17 Boutwell St.

Three and four will vote at the Wildwood School, which is located at 182 Wildwood St.

Finally, precincts five and six will be voting at the Town Hall, which is on 121 Glen Road.

Applications for mailed ballots must have been received by the Office of Town Clerk on Friday,

Aug. 27, 2021 at 5 p.m. Absentee ballots are available over the counter for eligible voters in the Office of Town Clerk through Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at noon.

Per updated legislation, eligibility for absentee voting has temporarily stretched out to include reasons such as physical

disability, any person taking precautions related to COVID-19 in response to a declared state of emergency or guidance from a medical professional, local or state health official or any civil authority. The reasons of religious observance and being out of town on election day during the voting hours is

still valid for eligibility

Those who wish to vote but were put in self-quarantine by a medical, local or state health official on or after noon on Thursday, Aug. 26, should contact the Office of the Town Clerk for further instructions.



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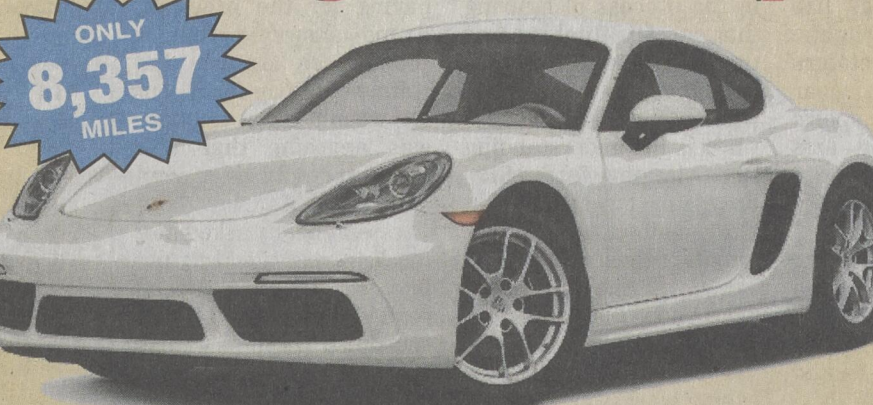
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